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KISS HIM, NOT ME!
BY JUNKO
#49 THE ULTIMATE CHOICE

WHO DO YOU LIKE MORE?
ME OR SHION?

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YOU SEE NOW...
...DON'T YOU, MUTSUMI?
HOW SHE TRULY FEELS...
?!
SHION IS THE ONE SHE LOVES!!
YA-SHIRO-SENPAI?!
HUH?!

I KNEW WHO SHE REALLY LOVED, MUTSUMI...
WHICH IS WHY...
I CALLED YOU HERE TODAY SPECIFICALLY SO YOU'D END UP BUMPING INTO HER AND LEARN THE TRUTH.
?!
ドクン
BADUMP
WH...
WHAT ...?!
OF COURSE, I DIDN'T WANT HER TO COME HERE TODAY.
I WAS HOPING SHE WOULD TURN DOWN MY INVITATION.
ドクン
BADUMP
BUT...
SHE CAME.
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS JUST GOING TO BE THE TWO OF US, SHE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING TO YOU.
ドクン
BADUMP
anime伊東
ドクン
BADUMP

SHAME-LESSLY SHE CAME, FOR SHION!!
SHE BE-TRAYED YOUR TRUST, MUTSU-MI!!
BOOM

HUHHHHHHH?!
TCH!
チッ
YOU'RE THE ONES WHO SHOWED UP OUT OF NOWHERE.
WHAT ARE YOU, MAGGOTS?
LIKE, SERINUMA DID GO EVEN WHEN WE TOLD HER NOT TO, SO SHE'S NOT ENTIRELY BLAMELESS, BUT STILL!
SAY WHAT YOU WILL, BUT THAT'S LOW!
WHAT?! SO YOU'RE SAYING YOU TRICKED SERINUMA-SENPAI?!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, SHOWING UP OUT OF NOWHERE TO STIR THINGS UP?
MURMUR
What?
What's going on?
AHH! SHUT UP! AHHHH! AHHH!
YOU'RE GONNA PAY FOR THAT, "FOUR-EYES"!!
WH... WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
SHRIEK
SHRIEK

JOLT
STOP IT!!
SILENCE
HUH ...?
UH...
SORRY.
W... WAS THAT...
...MU-TSUMI-SENPAI JUST NOW ...?

I NEED SOME TIME TO MYSELF.
LEAVE ME ALONE.
WAIT! SEN-PAI!!
FWIP
W...

YOU CHOSE SHION!!

YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO GO AFTER HIM!

GASP
YOU WERE TESTING ME FROM THE VERY START, YASHIRO-SENPAI?!
D... DON'T TELL ME...
MUTSUMI DESERVES SO MUCH BETTER THAN YOU!!
THAT'S WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR TO ME.
DID YOU KNOW THAT?
BUT HE HAD A PAINED LOOK ON HIS FACE.
MUTSUMI FORGAVE YOU THAT TIME...
THROB
ズキン
YOU PUT YOUR OWN SELFISH DESIRES FIRST...
...AND DIDN'T CONSIDER MUTSUMI'S FEELINGS IN THE SLIGHTEST.
ズキン
THROB
AND THAT'S NOT ALL.
HOW DID YOU TREAT MUTSUMI AFTER YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE TO HIM?
ズキン
THROB
THROB
ズキンッ

YOU JUST KEPT GIVING MUTSUMI MORE STRESS!!
DO YOU KNOW ?
HIS NOSE-BLEEDS ARE BECAUSE OF YOU!!
...!!
THROB
...
CLENCH
WHAT HAVE I DONE ...?
WH...
HE ALWAYS SMILED WHEN HE WAS WITH ME...
SENPAI...
...SO I THOUGHT THINGS WERE FINE...
BUT THE TRUTH WAS...

I'M SO SORRY!!
I WOULD NEVER MAKE HIM FEEL THAT WAY.
PAUSE
HM?
I WOULD NEVER HURT HIM LIKE THAT.
HM?
...

THAT ANGEL DESERVES ONLY TO SMILE FROM THE BOTTOM OF HIS HEART!!

HUHHHHH?!

HEYO!
TAK ぱち
TAK ぱち
WHOA!
YOU IDIOT!
CLATTER
WHOA! YOU'RE AWFUL, MAN!
HA! HA!
UHH...
SOME-THING OR OTHER-KUN!
OOPS! SORRY!
WHAAA?! SO YOU KNOW HIS NAME?!
Huh?
OF COURSE NOT!

WHAT A DOWNER.
Ha! Ha! Ha!
Cut it out! Let's go!

FWIP...
ANNOYED

FWIP

LET'S PLAY TOGETHER SOME TIME.
HERE.

YOU PLAY JAPANESE CHESS?

SHINE
YA-SHIRO-KUN.
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ア
SINCE THEN...
...I MADE A DECISION IN MY HEART.
I...
...WILL DO ANYTHING FOR HIM!!

DASH
Hey!
IT IS I WHO DESERVES TO BE WITH MUTSUMI !!
HENCE ...
FWIP
STUNNED
THERE'S SO MANY THINGS TO COMMENT ON THAT I JUST DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN...
BUT, UH...
I MEAN ...
UH...

HE WAS AFTER MUTSUMI-SENPAI?!!
CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
MU-TSU-MI!!
TURN
YA-SHIRO-KUN...
PANT
PANT
PHEW! I'M GLAD I CAUGHT UP TO YOU...

CHATTER
CHATTER
I'M SORRY I RESORTED TO THAT KIND OF TACTIC.
A...
CLENCH
I JUST COULDN'T SIT BY AND WATCH.
BUT ...
AS A FRIEND.
CHATTER
CHATTER
THOSE NOSE-BLEEDS WERE BECAUSE OF HER TOO, WERE THEY NOT?
I JUST COULDN'T WATCH HER TREAT YOU POORLY LIKE THAT ANYMORE.
YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT ...
!

I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT THIS CAREFULLY...
I...
...THINK THERE'S SOMEONE BETTER FOR YOU.
GACHUNK
GACHUNK
A PERSON WHO'D NEVER BETRAY YOUR TRUST.

Meanwhile...
L... LET ME GO!!
I HAVE TO GO TO MUTSUMI-SENPAI!!
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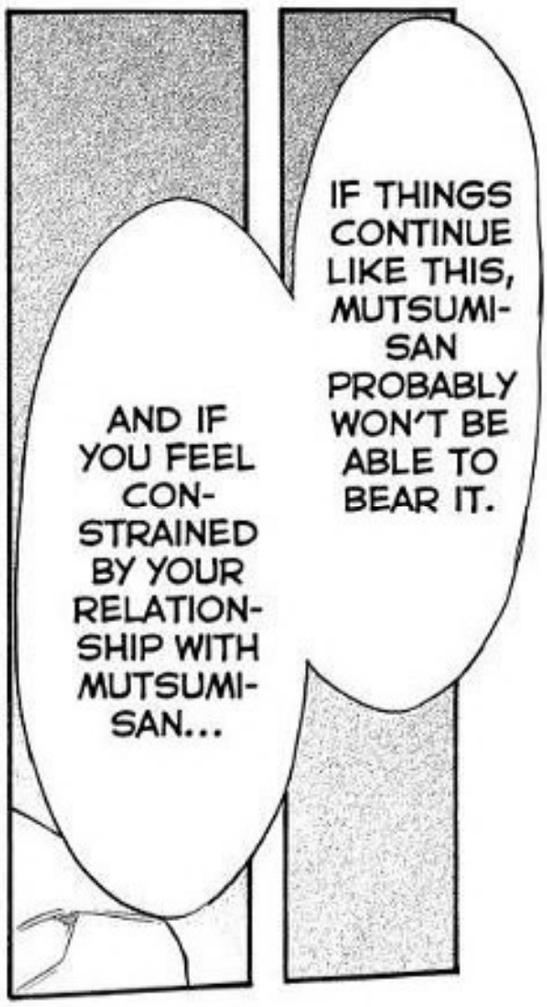
NOW'S NOT THE TIME!
NO! I... I HAVE TO GO TO HIM AND EXPLAIN!!
EXPLAIN WHAT?
HUH?
IF YOU GO NOW, SERINUMA-SAN...
...CAN YOU HONESTLY TELL SENPAI THAT YOU CHOOSE HIM...
...AND THAT YOU DON'T NEED SHION?
ドキッ
BADUMP

HEY! IGA-RA-SHI!
...!
YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO HURT HIM MORE.
IF YOU CAN'T BE CLEAR ABOUT THAT...
UH...
I...
GULP...
I DON'T KNOW...
I DON'T KNOW, BUT...
...IT'S... IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL!
WHIMPER
WHIMPER
SENPAI... CALM DOWN.
ITS NOT LIKE WHAT ...?
WELL ...
PRETTY MUCH, YOU'VE BEEN TOO SPOILED BY MUTSUMI-SAN.
BLUNT
NGH!

NNNGH!
STAB
STAB
NGH!
I....IGA-RASHI!! YOU'RE CUTTING TOO DEEP!
THAT MUST'VE BEEN THE LAST STRAW!
IF ANY-THING, I'M AMAZED HE HASN'T LOST HIS COOL 'TIL NOW!
IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT MUTSUMI-SAN WOULD GET UPSET, TOO.

MAYBE YOU TWO AREN'T A GOOD MATCH.


AND IF YOU FEEL CON-STRAINED BY YOUR RELATION-SHIP WITH MUTSUMI-SAN...
IF THINGS CONTINUE LIKE THIS, MUTSUMI-SAN PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO BEAR IT.

YOU'RE TAKING IT TOO FAR!!
IGA-RASHI !!
Hey!
HUH ...?

...

ぽんっ
PAT
WELL ...
IF YOU BREAK UP, I'LL BE HERE FOR YOU!

You are an otaku, after all.
WELL, AREN'T YOU THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THIS STUFF, NISHINA?
HUH...? THAT'S TRUE...
HMM
L...LET'S COME UP WITH A PLAN, SERINUMA-SENPAI!!
No mercy at all...
SCUM !!
ぽかすか
WHAP WHAP
YOU SLEAZEBAG!!
DIE, IGARASHI !!!
WHAP WHAP
ぽかすか

SHRIEK
SHRIEK

FOR A FAVORITE CHARACTER, I'D LET MY BOYFRIEND CRY!
THIS WON'T DO.
BOOM

MAYBE YOU TWO AREN'T A GOOD MATCH.
NO...
CLENCH
I DON'T WANT THAT TO BE TRUE.

SEN-PAI...!

ME OR SHION?
WHO DO YOU LIKE MORE?
WHY ...
... DID I...
... ASK HER A QUES-TION LIKE THAT ...?
TO SERINUMA-SAN, SHION IS A SPECIAL CHARACTER.
I THOUGHT I UNDERSTOOD THAT...
AND I TOLD HER...
...TO DO WHAT SHE WANTS.
I...

OBVIOUSLY I CHOOSE MUTSUMI-SENPAI ...!!
I-MEAN...
BETWEEN SENPAI ....
...AND SHION...
AHHHHHH!
I MEAN, I LOVE THEM BOTH!!
BUT I CAN'T FORGET SENPAI, EITHER!!
BUT IF I WERE TOLD TO FORGET SHION, THAT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE !!
FWUMP
IF I DON'T GIVE UP SHION...
I MIGHT END UP HURTING SENPAI AGAIN...?
BUT ...

I...

...CAN'T DO THAT TO HIM...

CLENCH... ぎゅ

On Loop

SOB.

ROLL

ROLL

BUT NO!

THERE'S NO WAY I COULD FORGET SHION!

Ah-chan

I need your advice...

PLEASE, AH-CHAN!!

TAP TAP TAP TAP

THIS IS WHEN I NEED THE GIRL WHO'S LIVING BOTH HER OTAKU AND LOVE LIVES TO THE FULLEST... AH-CHAN!

カッ

I KNOW!!

ばっ BOLT

AAAAHHH-CHAAAAN!!!
Get better!
AH...
AAAHHHH!!
CHIME
Ah-chan
Sorry! I caught a cold and have a fever of 38°C. I'm dying.
The next day...
GLOOM
I BET SHE STILL DOESN'T HAVE AN ANSWER.
SHE... DOESN'T LOOK OKAY.
THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO IS LEAVE HER BE.
MM...
Yeah, but still...

DING DONG DANG DONG
キーン コーン カーン コーン
KER-CHAK
SO YOU WERE HERE, MU-TSUMI!
YOU'RE ALL BY YOUR-SELF TODAY?
YEAH, FOR A CHANGE.
MIND IF I JOIN YOU?
PLEASE DO.
ARE YOU UPSET WITH ME?
SINCE I DIDN'T MIND MY OWN BUSI-NESS?
I WAS, A LITTLE...
BUT...
I'M NOT UPSET WITH YOU ANYMORE.
WHOOSH...

WH...
WHAT I'M UPSET ABOUT IS...
WHOOOOSH
Ah!
OW!
WHOA!
OKAY.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
My eye...
SOME-THING GOT IN MY EYE...
Ow...
HOLD ON, DON'T RUB IT! LET ME TAKE A LOOK!

WHOOSH
MU-TSUMI ...
I CAN'T GO TO THE SCHOOL CAFE-TERIA...
...AND AH-CHAN IS SICK AT HOME.
I'M GLAD THEY WEREN'T OUT OF YAKISOBA BREAD...
SIGH.
TMP
SIGH...
KER-CHAK

IT CAN'T BE.
TMP
N...
NO.
RUSTLE
FWUMP

A A
HE TOOK...
A
...MUTSUMI-SENPAI FROM MEEE!!!
H
H
H
I NEVER THOUGHT...
...THAT MY BELOVED "BOY'S LOVE" WOULD BE THE ONE TO TAKE MY BOYFRIEND AWAY....
A PRINCE NEXT TO ANOTHER PRINCE...
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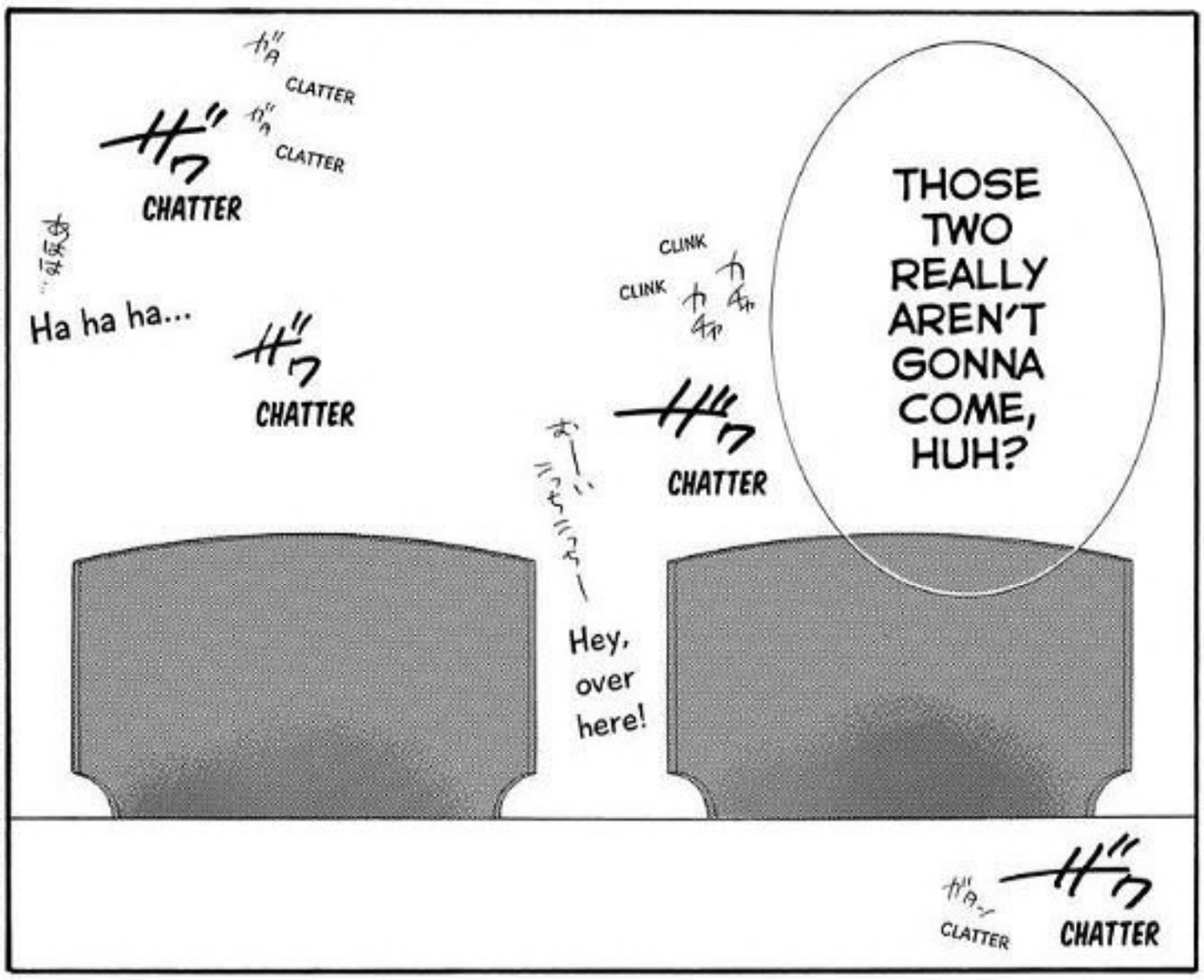
#50 A PRINCE NEXT TO THE PRINCE?



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HUH?
Not so loud.
HEY, I HAVE AN IDEA!!
WELL... SERINUMA HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO GIVE MUTSUMI-SAN AN ANSWER... AND I'M SURE THAT'S AWKWARD FOR HIM.
ASKING THEM TO KILL OFF SHION AGAIN!!
TA-DAH
WE SHOULD SEND THEM A LETTER!
ON THE TV SHOW, "GET AN OPINION!" THERE ARE CAPTIONS THAT SHOW UP ON THE SCREEN.
WE WOULDN'T NEED COPS IF WE FORGAVE EVERYONE FOR EVERY-THING!
THUD THUD THUD THUD THUD
FORGIVE HIM, NISHINA. HE DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BAD BY IT...
WE WOULDN'T SEND OUR REQUEST THERE, ANYWAY...
SOB
ROAR
HEEK!
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!
HUH?! WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
?!
HE'S BEEN TAKEN FROM MEEE !!!
FLAIL
FLAIL
CALM DOWN.
M... MU... MUN... PA...
MU...
Mupan?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?!
WH... WHAT'S THE MATTER ?!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HUH ?!!
WH... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THAT'S ABSURD!
W... WELL, TH... THEY...
YASHIRO-SENPAI STOLE MUTSUMI-SENPAI FROM MEEE!!
WAAAAHHH!!

?!
THEY WERE KISSING !!

THIS IS BAD ...!
OUR MUTSUMI-SENPAI?!
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!
Are you sure it wasn't just your imagination as always?!
HUHHH?!

HUH ?
HUHHH ?!
DASH
HEY!
WE GOTTA GO THERE NOW!!
THIS IS REALLY BAD!!

UH, ON THE ROOF-TOP...
SERI-NUMA-SENPAI! WHERE ARE THEY?!
ON THE ROOF-TOP ?!
HEAVE
HEAVE

Leave it to your imagination 4%
Doing it 87%
Not doing it 9%
(Shima's Research)
I'VE READ A TON OF BL, SO I'D KNOW!!
THERE'S AN 87% CHANCE THAT THEY'RE DOING THE DIRTY RIGHT NOW!!
BOOM
HEY, NISHINA!! WHAT'S SO BAD?!
IF THEY'RE KISSING ON THE ROOFTOP, THEN...
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THAT'S DIRTY!
SHUT UP, YOU PUNKS!! I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!!
Y... YOU'RE AN IDIOT !!
NO WAY !!!
AND WE HAVE ANOTHER IDIOT!!
RIGHT ?!
I TOTALLY GET IT!!
GASP
I...I'VE ALSO READ A TON OF THOSE MANGA!

OH...
AH...
ドキッ
BADUMP
SERI-NUMA-SAN...
SENPAI ...!

SEN-PAI...
TCH
SO THEY WEREN'T DOING IT...
SMACK
WHAT WERE YOU TWO DOING EARLIER?
WERE MY EYES PLAY-ING TRICKS ON ME?
NOTHING WAS GOING ON, RIGHT?
...!
I WANT TO ASK HIM.
CLENCH
BUT...
BUT ...

IS IT YOURS, BY ANY CHANCE ?
UHH ...
THIS WAS LEFT BY THE DOOR TO THE ROOFTOP EARLIER...
HUH ...?

UH...
THAT'S ...

AH...
...

...

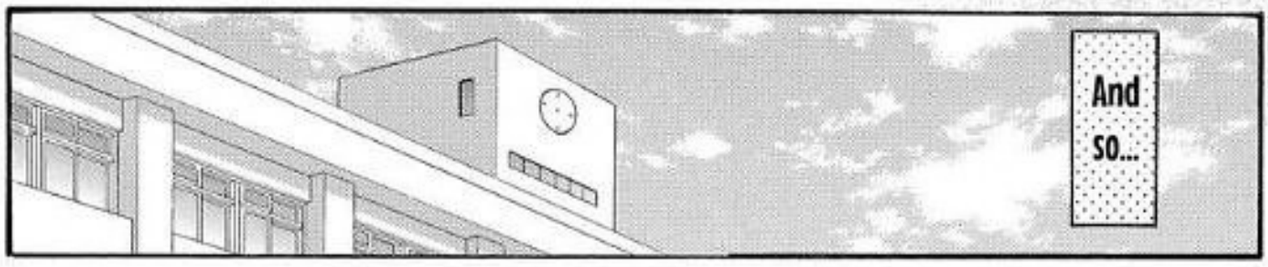
FWIP
JOLT
UH...
THEN ALLOW ME TO RETURN IT.
RUSTLE
I SEE.

WHISPER
ヒソ!
I SUR-PRISED YOU, DIDN'T I?
!!
OH! SHALL WE GET MOVING, MUTSUMI?
UH. YEAH.
DO YOU HAVE AN ANS-WER?
!
WAI—

HUH ...?
...
OH...
WELL ...
UH...
LET'S GO.
WHOOSH
!!
THERE'S NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT.
FWIP

HEY, HEY!
WHY IS MUTSUMI-SENPAI HANGING OUT WITH THAT GUY, ANYWAY?!
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT ?!
WHA ...?
WH...
WHAT DO I SAY TO MUTSUMI-SENPAI?
I MEAN, I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER FOR HIM...
UH!
SERI-NUMA-SENPAI !!
DASH

I HAVE NO RIGHT ...



I'M JUST WASTING TIME.
WHILE I'M...
...SITTING AROUND LIKE THIS, SENPAI'S WITH YASHIRO-SENPAI...
TH...
THEY ...
AREN'T, BY ANY CHANCE ...

...ALREADY TOGETHER...?
STEAMY
STEAMY

NOOOOOO!!!
S... SERI-NUMA ...
YIKES ...
BANG
BANG
BANG

I-I-I SAW THEM !!
SHINO, WHAT'S THE MATTER ?
FLAIL
FLAIL
HUH? WHAT ?
What's with the dance?
IT'S BAD!
SHEN-PAIII!
BOOM
THOSE TWO ARE APPAR-ENTLY HANGING OUT IN THE CLUBROOM AGAIN!
I heard from the third-years!
I'M GONNA GIVE THEM A PIECE OF MY MIND!!
ANGRY
ANGRY
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
I WENT TO THE HISTORY CLUB ROOM JUST NOW, AND...
PEEK...
WHAT'S THAT SOUND ...?
CLATTER
HM?
THUD
THUD
THUD

OHHHHH!!
THEY'RE ON TOP OF EACH OTHER!!!
ACK!! S... SERI-NUMA !!
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
NOOOOOO!!
THUD
THAT'S WHAT I SAW!
HUH ...?

Nurse's Office

保健室

GROAN

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GROAN

THERE REALLY ISN'T.

MM.

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO?!

HONESTLY, WE REALLY CAN'T LEAVE HER ALONE.

UNLESS SERI-NUMA-SAN DOES SOME-THING HERSELF FIRST, OUR HANDS ARE TIED.
IT'S THEIR PROB-LEM.
YOU'RE QUITE COLD.
ANNOYED
AND YOU'RE QUITE THE BUSY-BODY.
COME AGAIN ?!
HEY, IGARA-SHI, THAT'S GOING TOO FAR!
GO DIE, IGARA-SHI THE REJECTED ONE!!
PISSED
PISSED
NOW IT'S YOU WHO'S GONE TOO FAR, NISHINA.
And that insult applies to all of us who got rejected.
Now, now.
...

パチン
TAK
HISTORY CLUB
Come on in!!
WE'VE BEEN HANGING OUT EVERY DAY... ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?
YEAH, I'M HANGING OUT WITH YOU 'CAUSE I WANT TO.
BESIDES, IT'S A NICE DISTRACTION...
IT KEEPS MY MIND OFF OF THINGS ...
...THAT I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT.
I SEE ...
WELL... I'M HAPPY.
...

KNOCK
KNOCK
MU-TSUMI ...
UH...
GRIP
STEP
RATTLE
EXCUSE ME.
?
COME IN.
YOU HAVE A MOMENT ?
IGA-RASHI-KUN...
!

WHAT'S UP?

バタン
SHUT

HUH?
YOU'RE DONE WITH HER, RIGHT?
!!
SERI-NUMA-SAN...
YOU'RE DONE WITH HER, RIGHT?

YOU AND SERINUMA-SAN ARE THROUGH, RIGHT?

IT'S A PAIN IF WE GET INTO A FIGHT AFTER, SO I WANTED TO MAKE SURE TO SORT THINGS OUT FIRST.

...

WELL ...

ドクン BADUMP

I...

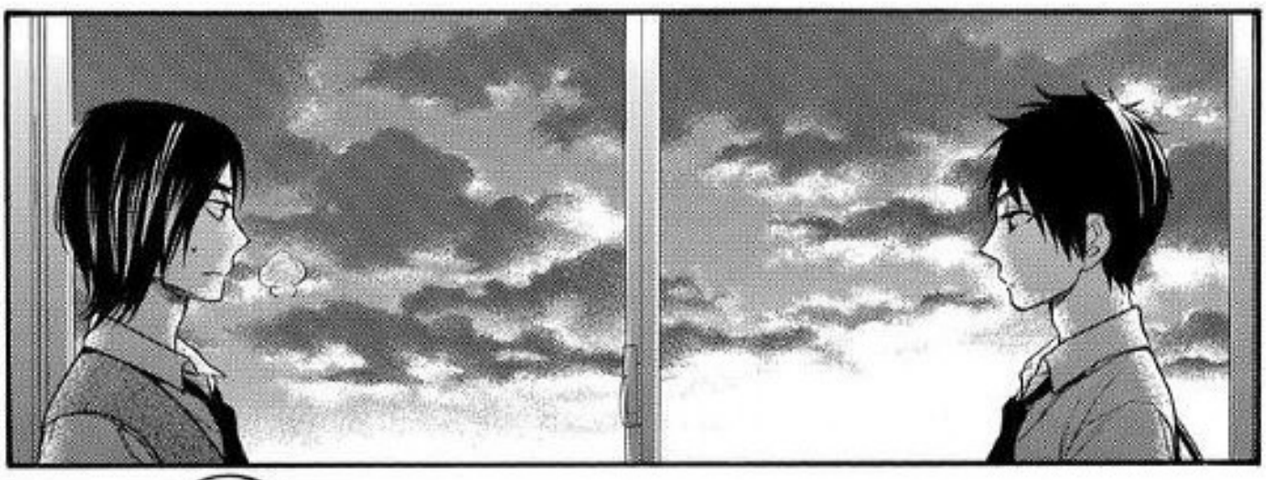
...CAN HAVE HER, RIGHT?

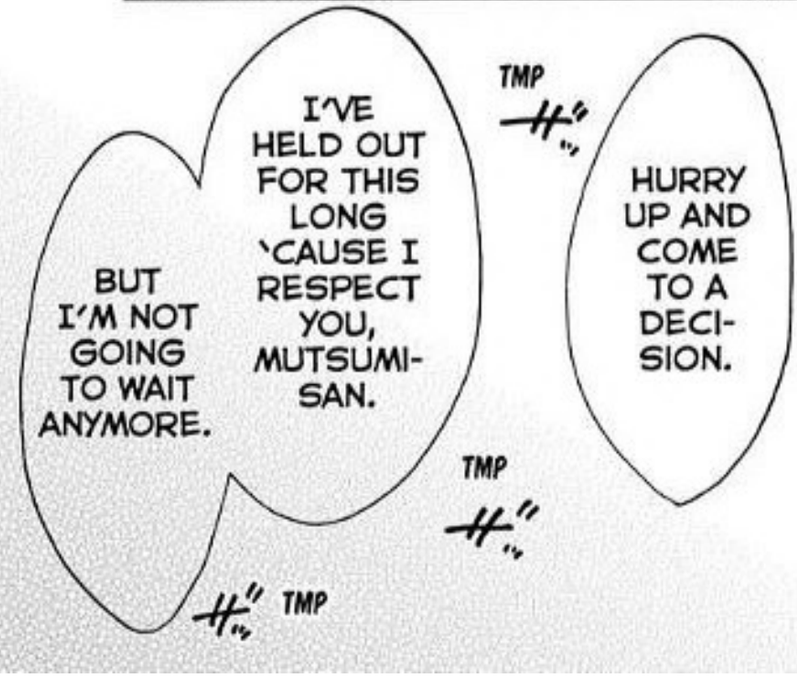
ドクン BADUMP

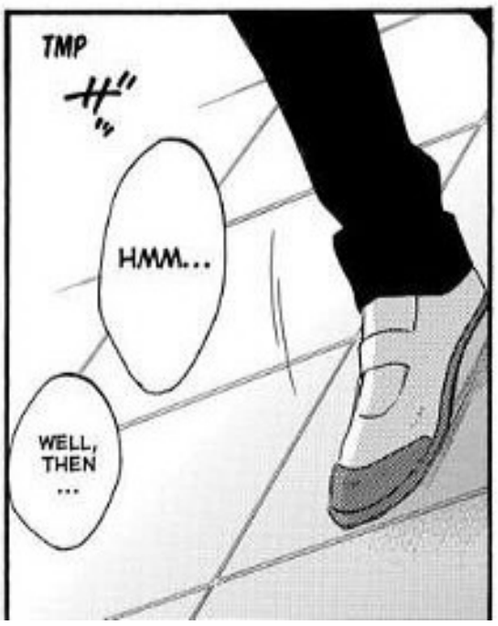
...

ドン BOOM

ABSO-LUTELY NOT!!



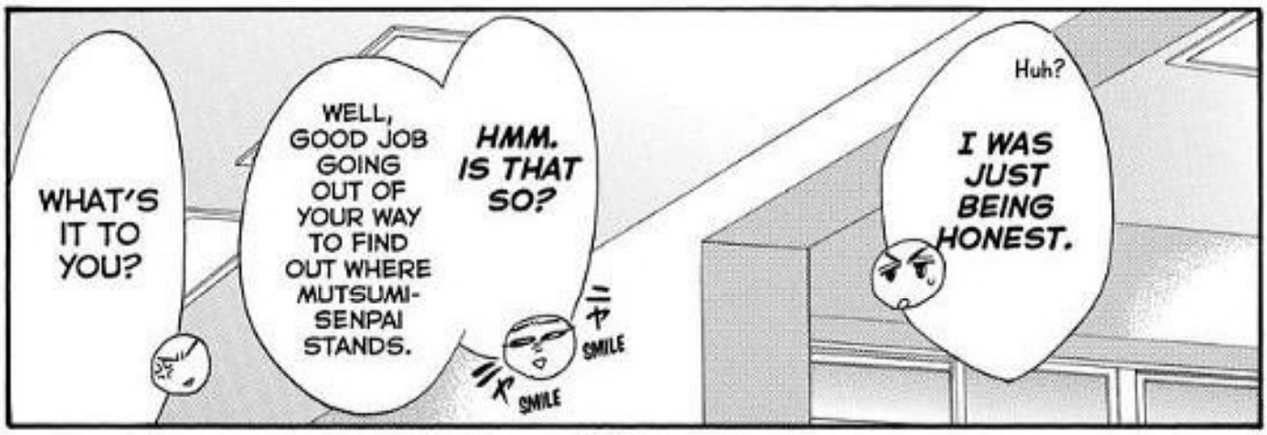

BUT I'M NOT GOING TO WAIT ANYMORE.
I'VE HELD OUT FOR THIS LONG 'CAUSE I RESPECT YOU, MUTSUMI-SAN.
TMP
TMP
TMP
HURRY UP AND COME TO A DECI-SION.


TMP
HMM...
WELL, THEN ...

I'M TELLING YOU TO GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER !!

NOW WHO'S THE BUSYBODY?
HMPH!
WHA?!
JOLT

TMP
TMP


WHAT'S IT TO YOU?
WELL, GOOD JOB GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO FIND OUT WHERE MUTSUMI-SENPAI STANDS.
HMM. IS THAT SO?
SMILE
SMILE
Huh?
I WAS JUST BEING HONEST.

INDEED.
Huh? But the shoe rack is this way.
Don't follow me.
I SEE.

NEVER MIND.
BUT ...
Wait, there!
I'M A BUSY-BODY, Y'KNOW ?

OKAY. WELL, IT'S YOUR TURN.
UH, YEAH.
IS EVERY-THING OKAY?
OKAY.
THUD
MMM, WELL ...
TWO SPACES... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
OH, SOR-RY!!
WHA ?
HUH ?!
TAK
HEY!
?!
UH, OKAY ...
MY BAD.
YOU CAN REDO THE MOVE.

HEY, MUTSUMI...
I HAVE A SUGGESTION...
HM?
THERE'S A COMPETITION NEARBY THIS WEEKEND.
DO YOU WANT TO GO CHECK IT OUT?
HUH...?
IT'LL BE A SMALL TRIP...
FOR A CHANGE OF PACE...
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
...

The next Sunday ...
KAE !!
COME OUT THIS INSTANT!
YOU'VE BEEN SKIPPING SCHOOL FOR NO REASON AND TODAY YOU'VE BEEN IN BED THE ENTIRE DAY!!
BANG
BANG
IT'S NOT FOR NO REASON! I HAVE A COLD!!
You little!
NO SICK PERSON DOWNS TWO RICE BOWLS!!
HUH ?
DING DONG
WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING?
EVEN THOUGH THAT WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING ...!!
SQUEEZE...
HOLING MYSELF UP LIKE THIS, AND RUNNING AWAY...
...
COM-ING!

...MIGHT GROW DISTANT FROM ME...!!
BUT ...
IT'S SCARY TO THINK THAT MUTSUMI-SENPAI...
ALL RIGHT! GET UP!!
BOOM
SORRY THAT I COULDN'T BE AROUND, BUT I'M BACK FROM THE FLU!!
Huh? Are you okay?!
AH-CHAN !!
BWAH!
?!
JOLT

SINCE HE HIMSELF COULDN'T GET INVOLVED, HE THOUGHT THAT IT'D BE EASIER FOR YOU TO OPEN UP TO A FELLOW GIRL FRIEND.
SHINO-MIYA-KUN WAS WORRIED, TOO.
NANA-SHIMA CON-TACTED ME.
WELL ...
WAHHH! AH-CHAAAN!! WELCOME BACK!!
B-BUT WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?!

GULP...
...!!

POINT
YOU WERE ENTIRELY IN THE WRONG, KAE-CHAN!!
SO...
I'VE HEARD THE GIST OF IT, AND...

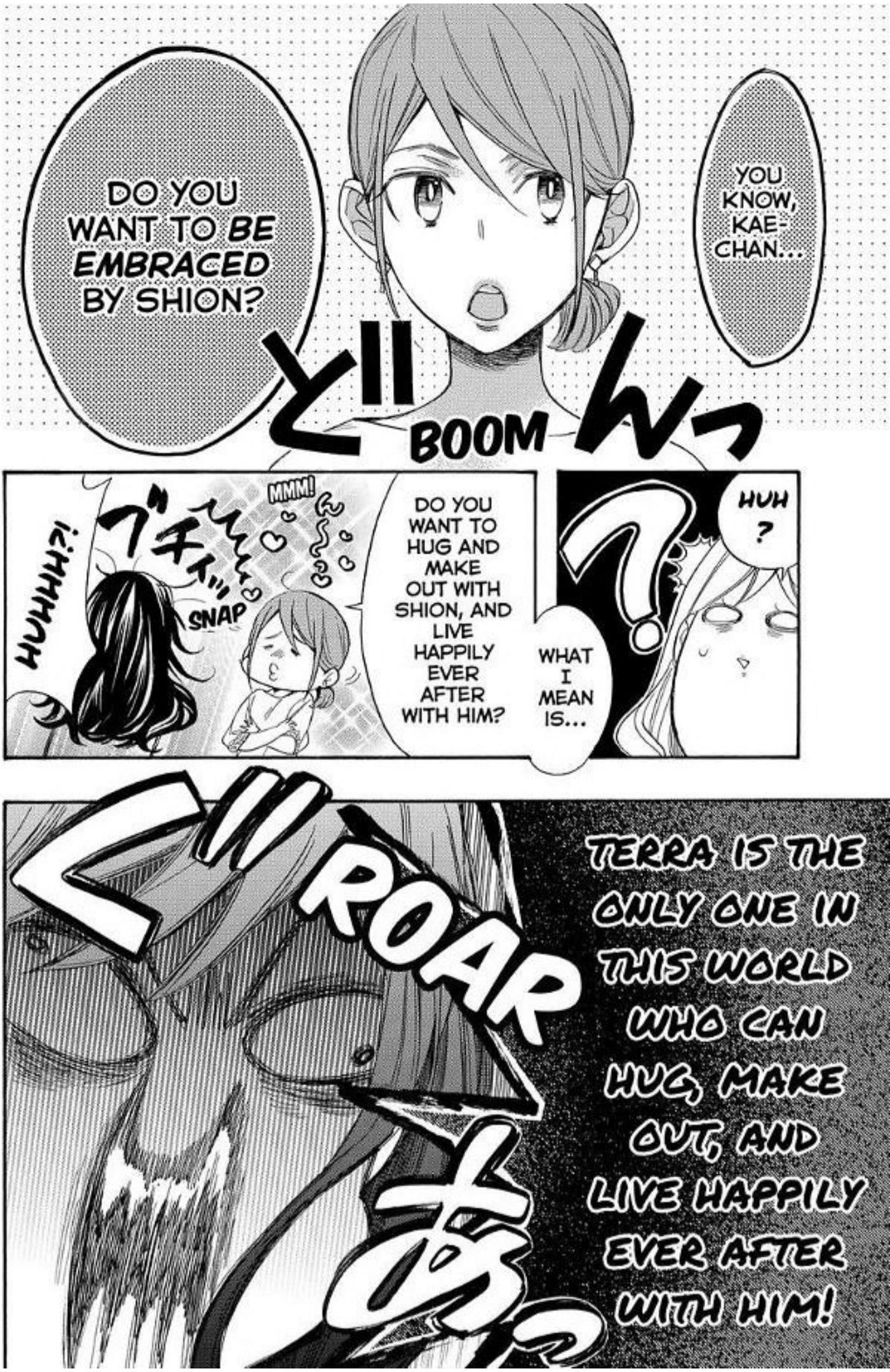
ANYWAY, I'M SORRY FOR COMING AT THIS HOUR. I HAD A DATE WITH MIKKUN TODAY.
HA HA HA!

...TO MAKE MUTSUMI TO ASK YOU THAT... YOU'RE REALLY SOME-THING ELSE, HUH?
WHO DO YOU LIKE MORE, ME OR SHION?
GULP
ゴクリ
I FEEL AWFUL ABOUT IT...
Heh heh...

WELL, I GUESS YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT...
YEAH...
GLOOM
ずーん
BUT...

...THAT THE QUESTION ITSELF WASN'T RIGHT.
...I FELT RIGHT AWAY...
SO WHEN HE ASKED ME WHO I VALUED MORE...
...LOVE BOTH MUTSUMI-SENPAI AND SHION... THEY'RE BOTH SO IMPORTANT TO ME.
I...

I...
I DIDN'T KNOW ...
...WHAT TO TELL HIM...
BUT...
I HAD NO IDEA WHY I FELT THAT WAY... OR WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THE QUESTION ...


DO YOU WANT TO BE EMBRACED BY SHION?
YOU KNOW, KAE-CHAN...
BOOM
HUHHHH?!
SNAP
MMM!
DO YOU WANT TO HUG AND MAKE OUT WITH SHION, AND LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER WITH HIM?
WHAT I MEAN IS...
HUH ?
ROAR
TERRA IS THE ONLY ONE IN THIS WORLD WHO CAN HUG, MAKE OUT, AND LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER WITH HIM!

SHION MUST HAVE TERRA NEXT TO HIM! TERRA IS THE ONLY ONE WORTHY OF BEING BY SHION'S SIDE! THIS IS THE WAY OF THE UNIVERSE!!

NO ONE ELSE IS ACCEP-TABLE!!

NEVER !!

OTHER PAIRINGS NEED TO DIE!!

POINT

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THAT'S IT!!

RIGHT?

HUH ?

...

YOU SAID IT YOUR-SELF JUST NOW,

?!

JOLT ビクッ

THAT'S YOUR ANS-WER!!

OH...!!

O...

OKAY!!

I KNOW, I KNOW! HURRY UP AND TELL HIM!!

OH!

I...

AH-CHAN!

It's...

IT'S SERI-NUMA!!

CLICK

HELLO?

OH!!

S-SEN-PAI!!

BRRRING

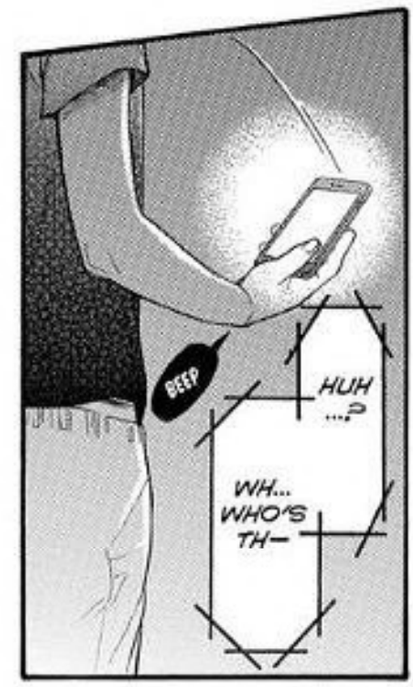
BRRRING

BRRRING

Asuma Mutsumi

I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT I FINALLY ...
MU-TSUMI IS BUSY RIGHT NOW.

zzz...
zzz...


BEEP
HUH ...?
WH... WHO'S TH—

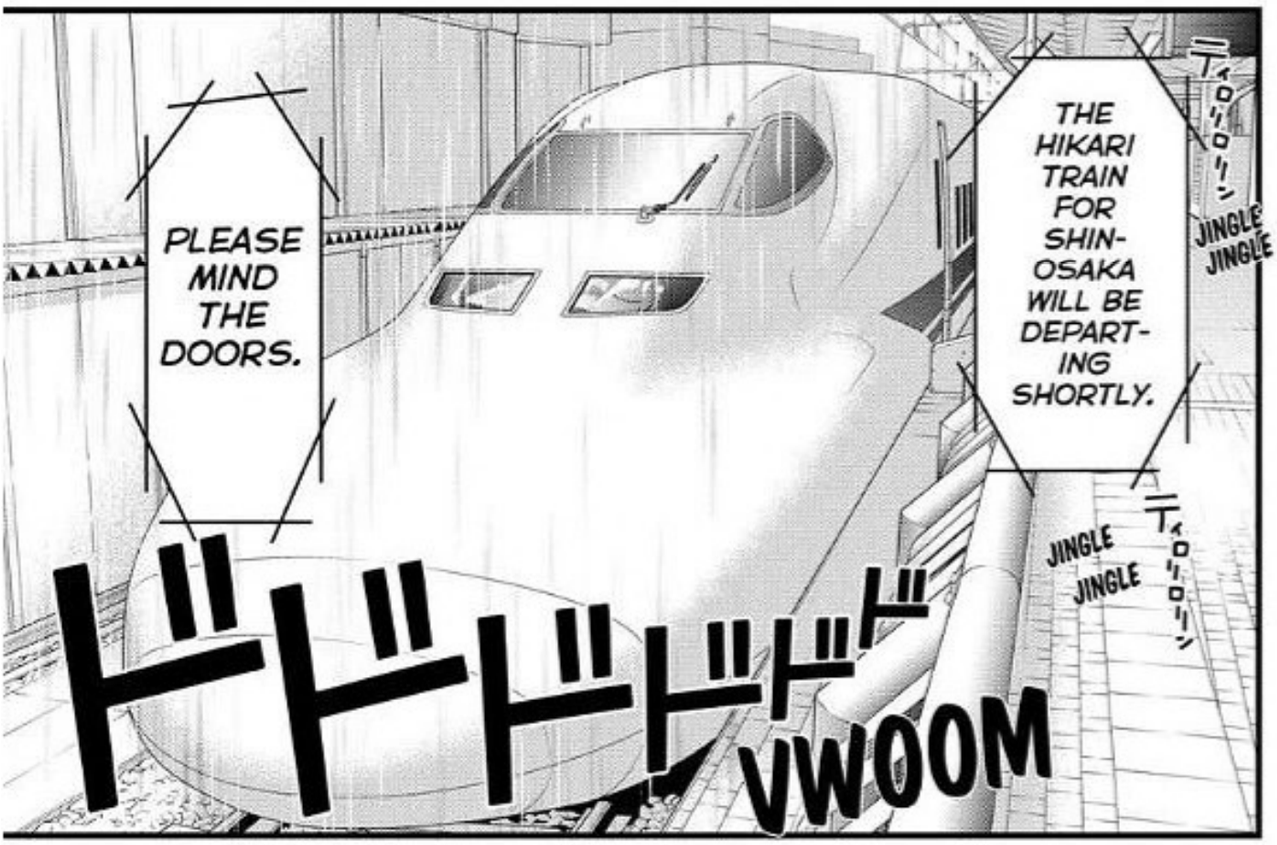
zzz...
YOU CAN USE THE SHOWER NOW.
MUTSUMI.

くしゅ
RUSTLE

キ
CREAK
ミ
MUTSUMI.
TO BE CONTINUED IN the NOVEMBER issue

KISS HIM, NOT ME!
BY JUNKO
#51 THE FIGHTING PRINCESS

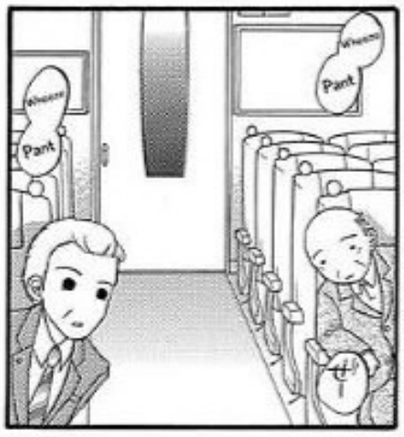
FSSSHHHH
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
Sunday
A little past 6 a.m.

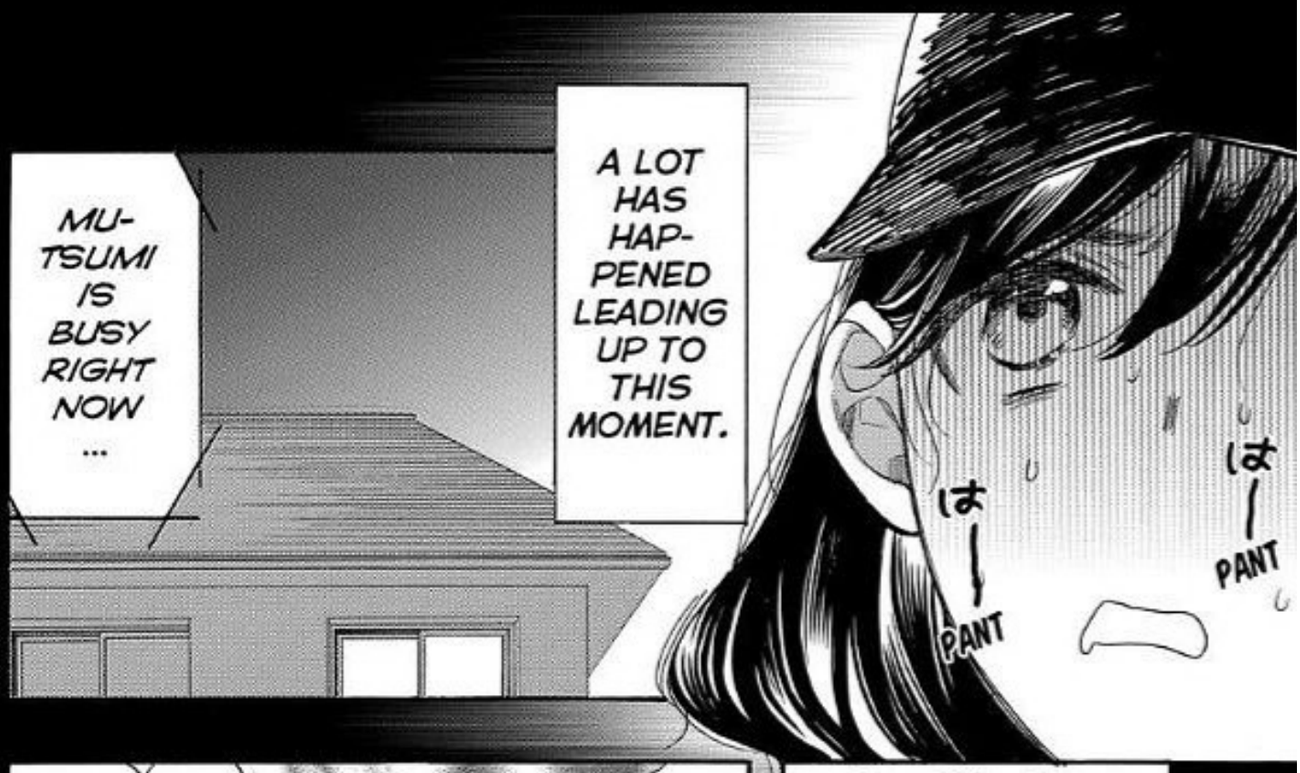

PLEASE MIND THE DOORS.
THE HIKARI TRAIN FOR SHIN-OSAKA WILL BE DEPART-ING SHORTLY.
JINGLE JINGLE
JINGLE JINGLE
ドドドドドドドド
VWOOM

THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
NOT WITHOUT MEEE!!!

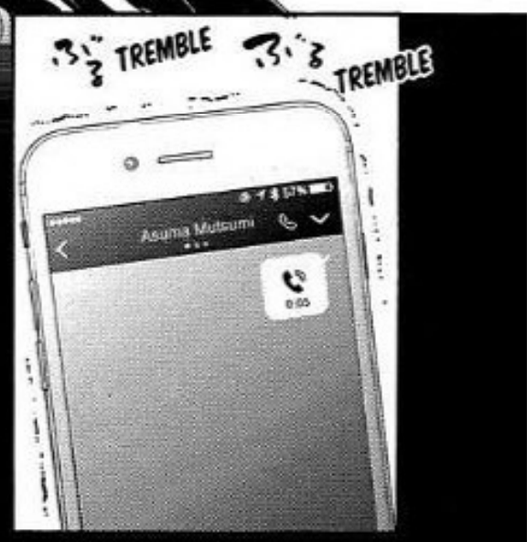
DO NOT CHARGE THE DOORS!
SLAM
FWIP

I...I MADE IT...
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
どっす
THUD
WHEW!


Pant
Pant


MU-TSUMI IS BUSY RIGHT NOW ...
A LOT HAS HAP-PENED LEADING UP TO THIS MOMENT.
はー PANT
はー PANT

WHAT'S THE MATTER? MU-TSUMI-SENPAI WON'T ANSWER THE PHONE?
M... MUN-WHAT ?
TREMBLE
M... MUN-PA...
TREMBLE


TREMBLE
TREMBLE
Asuma Mutsumi

S... SENPA-
S...SO THEY'RE TOGETH-ER?!
HE TURNED THE PHONE OFF!!
AND WHY IS HE PICKING UP SOME-ONE ELSE'S PHONE ...?
BOOM

HUHHH?!
YASHIRO ANSWERED MUTSUMI-SENPAI'S PHOOONE !!
BOOM

DESPERATE TIMES CALL FOR DESPERATE MEASURES !!
Rrring
Rrring
GASP
はっ
OH YEAH !!
WHERE THE HECK IS HE ...?!
UH, BUT ...
UHH ...
YES! THIS IS ONI-CHAN!
SERI-NUMA-CHAAAN! WHAT'S WITH THE PHONE CALL AT THIS HOUR?
I'M FREE TONIGHT, Y'KNOW! ♡
Kazuma, mooching dinner off his parents
I_I'M_ TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MUTSUMI-SENPAI_
How tiring...
_WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW WHERE HE IS?
IT SEEMS HE WENT ON SOME TRIP...
WHAT? YOU'RE NOT CALLING ME TO ASK ME OUT? TCH!
UH ...
TO SHIGA...
Here!
Flyer
APPAR-ENTLY!

I'M GOING TO SHIGA !!
AGH!
あっ
HUH ?!
SH... SHIGA ?!
WAIT, WAIT, WAIT!! THE TRAINS AREN'T EVEN RUNNING AT THIS HOUR!!
I'M GOING NOW !!

WAAAAHHH!!
THE TWO OF THEM ARE DOING IT TOGETHER!!
THEY'RE DOING IT, I'M TELLING YOU!!
CALM DOWN !!
あ
WAAAAHHH!!

WHY SHIGA ?!
HE'S THERE WITH YASHIRO FOR THE JAPANESE CHESS COMPETITION!!
WAAAHHH!

ANYWAY, IF YOU'RE GONNA GO, GO FIRST THING IN THE MORNING !!
O... OKAY ...!!
SENPAI, PLEASE... PLEASE BE OKAY!!

THAT'S NOT TRUE! HAVE SOME FAITH IN SENPAI!!
U... UH-HUH ...
HIC
HIC
HIC

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
FSSSHHHH
WHOOOOSH
That morning, just after 5 a.m.

I HAVE TO GET TO MUTSUMI-SENPAI ASAP!!
I'M NOT GIVING UP OVER THIS!!
WHOOOOSH
ROARRR
WHOOM
FWSSSHH

FSSSHHHH
...
YOU'RE LISTENING TO THE WEATHER STATION! ♪ TODAY LOOKS TO BE THUNDER-STORMS IN THE KANTO AREA!

START THE TRAINS! PLEASE START THE TRAINS !!
SNIFF! I'M NOT GONNA MAKE IT IN TIME TO BOARD THE BULLET TRAIN.
MA'AM, PLEASE CALM DOWN.

But...
DUE TO BAD WEATHER, TRAIN SERVICE WILL BE POST-PONED.
YOU'RE KIDDING ME!!
Station
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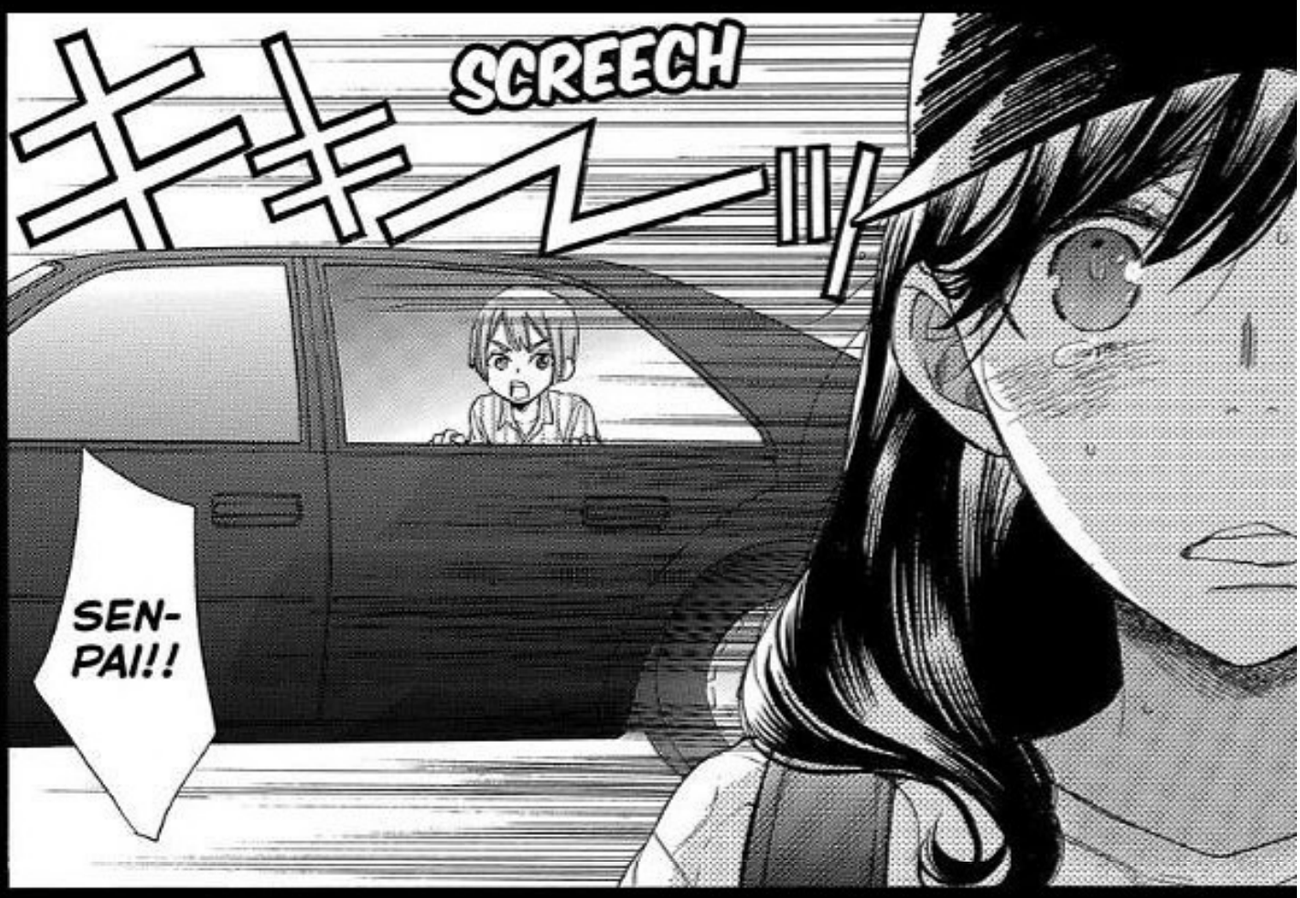
キキーッ!!
SCREECH
SEN-PAI!!

VROOM
ゴォォォ

SHIMA-CHAN?!
KER-CHAK
ガチャッ
TALK AFTER! GET IN!!

WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT THE STATION ...?
I HEARD EVERYTHING FROM NANASHIMA-SENPAI, WHO HEARD IT FROM AH-CHAN-SENPAI.
OH ...!

SHIMA-CHAN ...!
TEARY...

IT SAID ON THE NEWS THIS MORNING THAT THE TRAINS MIGHT STOP, SO I HAD A FEELING YOU'D BE IN TROUBLE ...
...AND IT TURNS OUT I WAS RIGHT!

FSSSHHH

THIS IS SOMETHING I GOTTA DO ON MY OWN!!
THANKS A LOT!!

OKAY, NOW GO!
I WANT TO DRIVE YOU ALL THE WAY TO SHIGA, BUT...
NO, NO, IT'S OKAY... I UNDER-STAND!!
KER-CHAK

CHIME

HEY.
I JUST DROPPED HER OFF.
I DIDN'T TELL HER IT WAS YOU WHO ASKED ME TO, THOUGH!
SINCE I'M DOING ALL THE WORK!
OKAY.

YOU REALLY THINK YOU'RE ALL THAT.
I THINK THE WORD YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS "COOL."
VROOM
GROSS!

FSSSHHH
THAT'S FINE.

...AND SO...
THAT'S HOW I ENDED UP HERE.
WHOOSH
THANKS... YOU GUYS...
I NEED TO THANK THEM PROPERLY ...
じーん...
SO TOUCHED
BUT BEFORE THAT, I SHOULD QUICKLY USE THE REST-ROOM...
SKIIID
WHA?!
KA-THUD
RRRUMBLE
SHWIP
MURMUR
MURMUR
WH-WHAT ?!
OH, MY PHONE ...
THUD
THUD
WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?!
CRUNCH
SLIDE
AAAAAHHHHHH!!!

DUE TO SOME ISSUES CAUSED BY LIGHT-NING STRIKE, WE HAVE MADE AN EMER-GENCY STOP.
PLEASE WAIT UNTIL IT'S BEEN CONFIRMED THAT IT IS SAFE TO PROCEED!
WHAAAAAAA?!
GOD! ARE YOU TRYING TO PUT MUTSUMI AND YASHIRO TOGETH-ER?!
Mean-while...
Royal Hotel
ホテルロイヤル
ぱち…
BLINK...
NGH...
YOU'RE UP. GOOD MOR-NING!
むくり
RISE
GOOD MOR-NING.

IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I'M NOT THAT GOOD, YOU KNOW ?!
IT'S A CASUAL AMATEUR TOUR-NAMENT. IT'S NICE TO HAVE A SER-IOUS MATCH EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, ISN'T IT?

HUH? WE'RE IN THE TOUR-NAMENT ?!
THE TRUTH IS, I ENTERED US BOTH IN TODAY'S TOURNA-MENT.
SORRY, BUT I NEED YOU TO HURRY AND GET READY.

UH, OKAY.
Whaaa...?
LET'S FIRST GET SOME BREAK-FAST.
COME, GET UP AND PUT YOUR CLOTHES ON.

GACHUNK
GACHUNK
GACHUNK
KATHUD
YOUNG PEOPLE NEED TO EAT A LOT!
CARE FOR A TANGERINE, DEAR?

IN THE END, THE TRAIN WAS STRANDED FOR SEVERAL HOURS WITH NO SIGN OF GETTING UP AND RUNNING AGAIN, SO WE WERE DROPPED OFF AT THE NEXT STATION...
えへへ...
HEH HEH HEH...
TH...
THANKOO...
HOW MUCH LONGER IS THIS GONNA TAKE?!
BUT ...
GACHUNK
BECAUSE MY SMART PHONE WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED, I GOT HELP FROM STATION STAFF AND ENDED UP BOARDING A SERIES OF LOCAL TRAINS TO MY DES-TINATION...
CHATTER
Mean-while...

AT THIS RATE, YOU MIGHT END UP FACING ME.
YOU'RE DOING WELL, MUTSUMI! YOU PASSED THE PRELIM-INARIES!
I'M JUST LUCKY.
HUH?

Whew

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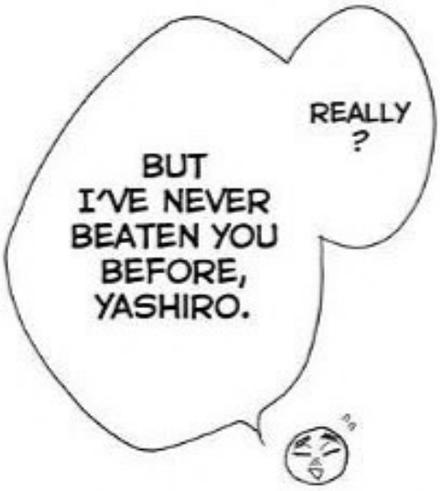
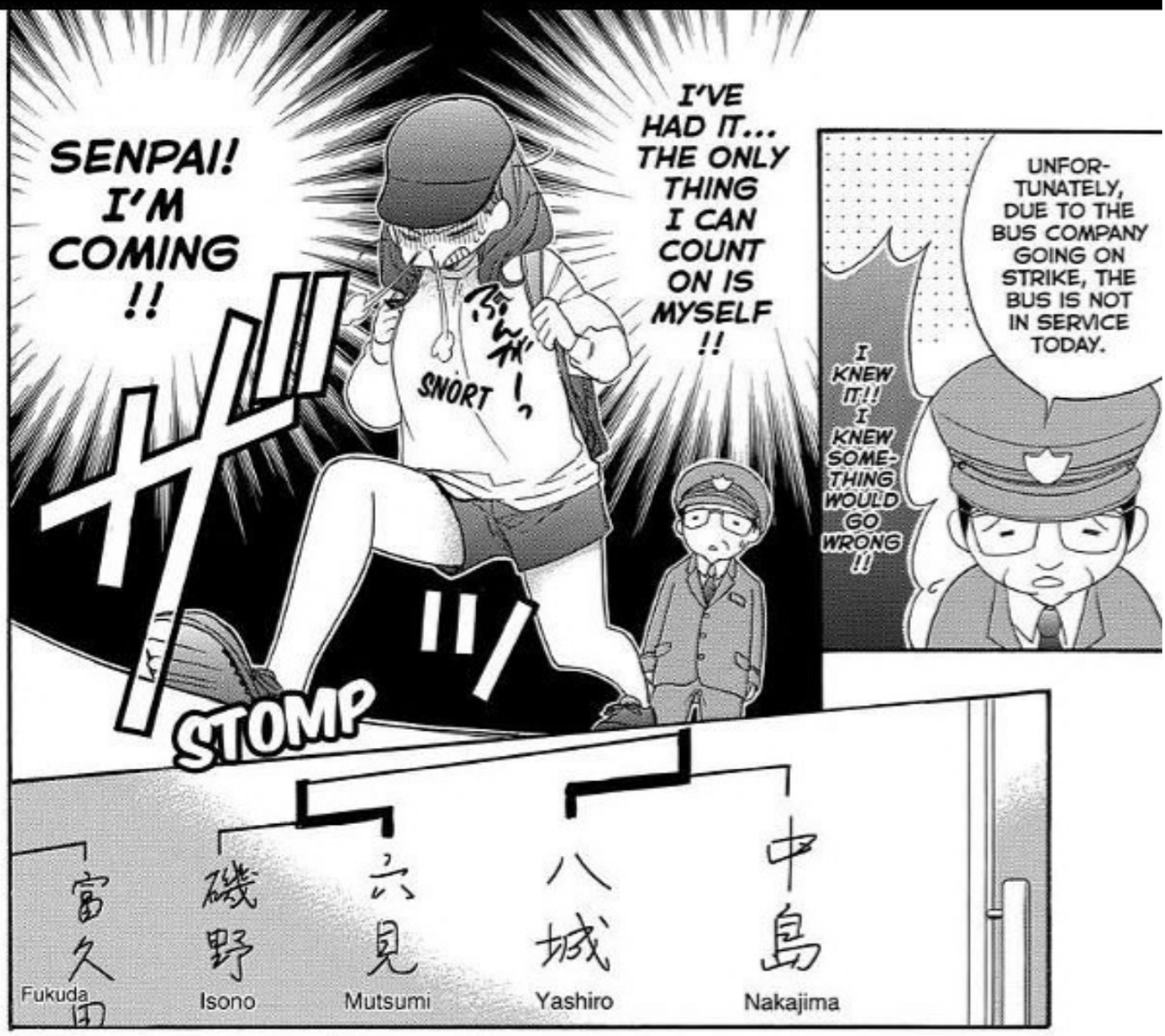

REALLY ?
BUT I'VE NEVER BEATEN YOU BEFORE, YASHIRO.

UH, IS THIS THE WAY TO THE BUS STOP?
STAFF ONLY
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
Oh, my bum.
UH, IT TAKES TWENTY MINUTES TO GET THERE BY BUS ...

I'M FINALLY HERE !!
CAW
CAW
I...


SENPAI! I'M COMING !!
I'VE HAD IT... THE ONLY THING I CAN COUNT ON IS MYSELF !!
SNORT
STOMP
UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO THE BUS COMPANY GOING ON STRIKE, THE BUS IS NOT IN SERVICE TODAY.
I KNEW IT!! I KNEW SOMETHING WOULD GO WRONG !!
富久田
Fukuda
磯野
Isono
六見
Mutsumi
八城
Yashiro
中島
Nakajima

HEY ...
CLATTER
MUTSUMI.
HM?

SO WE REALLY ARE FACING EACH OTHER.
YEAH.
May the best man win.

SHALL WE MAKE A BET?
HUH?
CAW
CAW
BAM
SHALL WE START CLEAN-ING UP...?
THIS YEAR WAS A SUC-CESS, TOO ...
PLEASE !!

SLIP
はー
PANT
MU-TSUMI-SEN-PAI!!
PANT
はー
WHERE ARE YOU?!

SEN ...
BE QUIET!
FWIP

WH... WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THAT GIRL?
CHATTER
SEN-PAI!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU CAME AFTER US... IN ANY CASE, YOU'RE QUITE LATE, NOT TO MENTION DIRTY.
MUMBLE MUMBLE
S_EN_ PAI_
A LOT HAS HAP-PENED, Y'KNOW !!

Y... YASHIRO !!
THIS IS NOT THE PLACE TO MAKE SUCH A RUCKUS, YOU FOOL!

YOU ARE!!
WHO KNOWS?
I'M NOT OBLIGATED TO TELL YOU.
WHY'S THAT?
IS HE NOT HERE?!
MURMUR
MURMUR
THAT DOESN'T MATTER! WHERE'S MUTSUMI-SENPAI?!
Huh? What's going on?!
BECAUSE I'M MUTSUMI-SENPAI'S GIRL-FRIEND!!
YOU'RE ON!!
HMPH
CARE TO FACE ME IN A MATCH OF JAPANESE CHESS? IF YOU WIN, I'LL TELL YOU WHERE HE IS...
IN THAT CASE...
IRK

FWIP
飛車
TAK
HUH?
Seriously?

BAM

FLIP
FLIP
FLIP
FLICK

MAKE YOUR CALL!!
HEADS OR TAILS!!
?!

I'M NOT GIVING MYSELF A 50/50 CHANCE !!
HMPH... YOU THOUGHT YOU'D GIVE YOURSELF A 50/50 CHANCE, HUH?
HOW NAIVE OF YOU!!
WHAT?
THIS IS THE ONLY JAPANESE CHESS I KNOW HOW TO PLAY!!
THAT ISN'T JAPANESE CHESS!!
WH... WHAT ON EARTH ?!
FLASH

I'M GONNA SEE MUTSUMI-SENPAI!!
I'M NOT GONNA LOSE !!
NEVER !!

YOU'RE ON!!
I CHOOSE HEADS !!
FINE, THEN.

どーん
BOOM
WIN!!!!
SHE WON!
OOOOH
OOOOH
THE GUY IN THE GLASSES LOST.
THAT GIRL WON !!
CREAK
IT SEEMS I JUST CAN'T WIN AGAINST YOU.
HEH.
I SEE.
HA HA...

!!
MUTSUMI TURNED ME DOWN.
FLAT OUT.

MU-TSUMI HAD FALLEN ASLEEP.
THEN WHAT ABOUT YOU ANSWER-ING HIS PHONE AT NIGHT ?!
YOU MISTOOK ME TAKING SOMETHING OUT OF MUTSUMI'S EYE.
B-BUT ON THE ROOF-TOP...

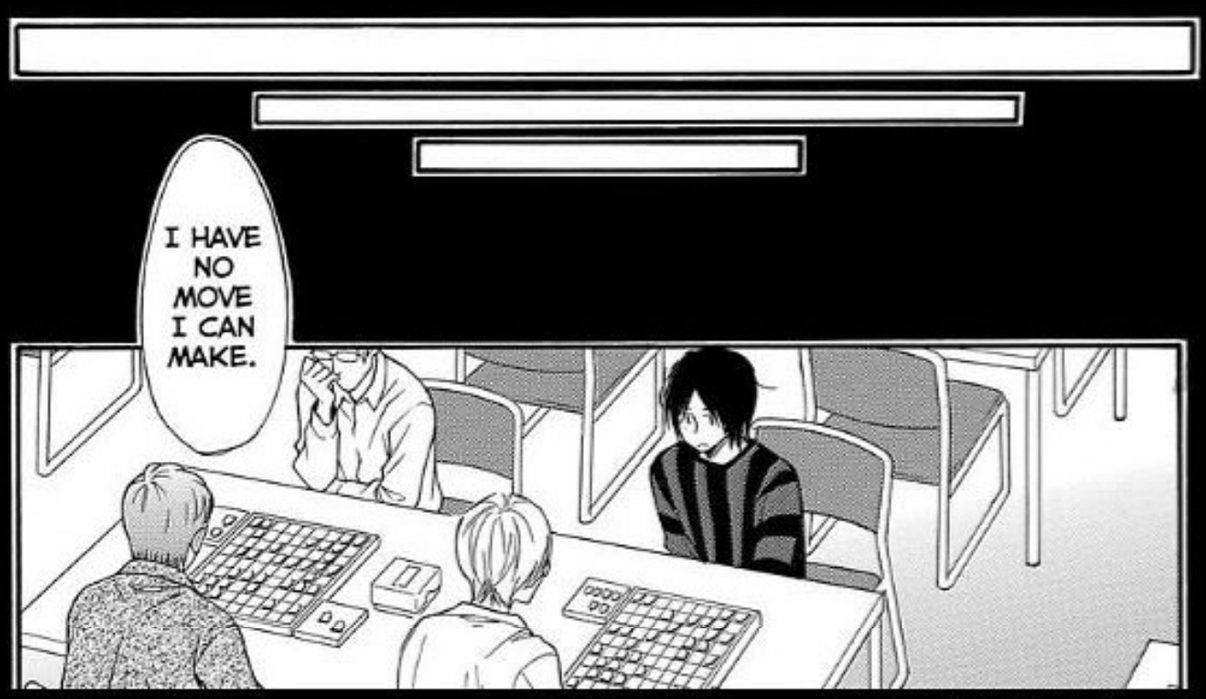
HUH ?!
THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON BETWEEN MUTSUMI AND ME.
SINCE YOU WON, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW.

IF YOU GO AFTER HIM NOW, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT IN TIME.
MU-TSUMI IS BOARD-ING THE 8 P.M. BULLET TRAIN.
YOU'RE CON-FUS-ING REALITY AND FICTION, YOU CRAZY OTAKU !!
HUH...?
おろっ
He's the passive type?
HUH...? IF THIS WERE A BL MANGA, YOU GUYS WOULD 100% BE DOING IT.

DASH
GOT IT!!
たたたっ
TMP
TMP
TMP
PAUSE
?
LEND ME MONEY FOR THE TAXI!!
I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE MONEY!
HUH?
WHAT DOES MUTSUMI SEE IN THIS GIRL...?
WHOOSH...

SHALL WE MAKE A BET?
YOU GO OUT WITH ME...
HUH ?
IF I WIN THIS MATCH ...
TAK
...TO BE IN A RELAT-IONSHIP WITH ME.
I'M ASKING YOU...
...
HUH? SURE.
WHERE TO?
Sounds good.

CHATTER...
CHATTER...
HA HA HA!
WHAT ...?
HUH ?


I HAVE NO MOVE I CAN MAKE.

YA-SHIRO-KUN...
I'M SORRY.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE LOST.

DON'T APOLO-GIZE.
EVEN IF YOU LOST, I KNOW IT WOULD'VE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO GO OUT WITH ME.
YA-SHIRO-KUN...
NOT BECAUSE I'M A GUY.
IT'S BE-CAUSE ...
...YOU LOVE KAE SERI-NUMA.
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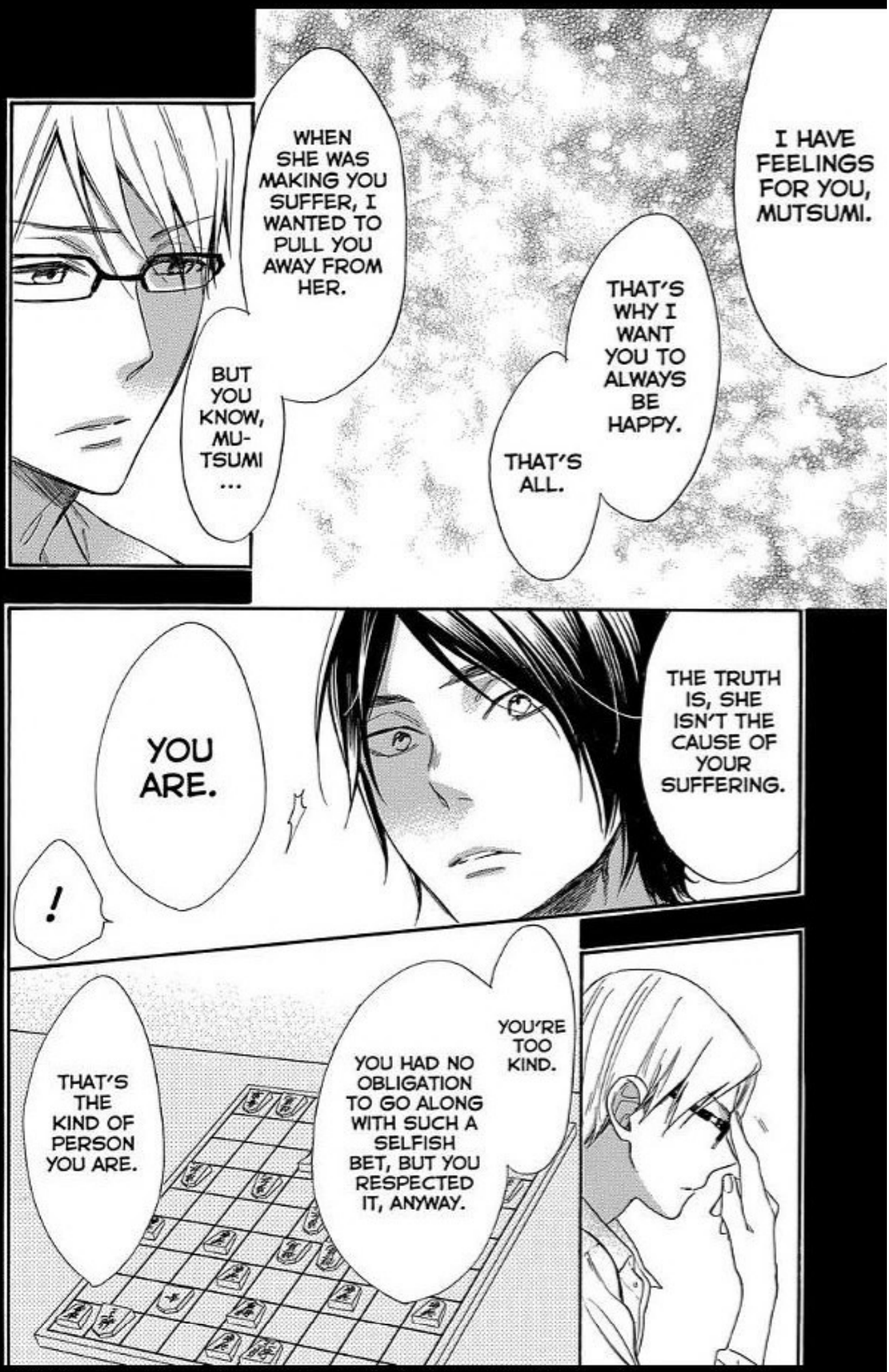

I HAVE FEELINGS FOR YOU, MUTSUMI.
THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO ALWAYS BE HAPPY.
THAT'S ALL.
WHEN SHE WAS MAKING YOU SUFFER, I WANTED TO PULL YOU AWAY FROM HER.
BUT YOU KNOW, MU-TSUMI ...
THE TRUTH IS, SHE ISN'T THE CAUSE OF YOUR SUFFERING.
YOU ARE.
!
YOU'RE TOO KIND.
YOU HAD NO OBLIGATION TO GO ALONG WITH SUCH A SELFISH BET, BUT YOU RESPECTED IT, ANYWAY.
THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON YOU ARE.

SO YOU JUST KEPT BOTTLING UP THE STRESS INSIDE YOU, UNABLE TO EXPRESS YOUR DIS-CONTENT TOWARDS KAE SERINUMA...
DRIP
...AND YOU EXPLODED.
BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF, MUTSUMI.
I TRIED TO DES-TROY YOUR RE-LATION-SHIP WITH HER...
I TRIED TO DO THAT BY TAKING YOU ON THIS TRIP WITH ME.
YA-SHIRO-KUN.
I DID WHATEVER I WANTED.
SO YOU SHOULD DO THE SAME.

?!
THAT VOICE ...

BANG
SEN-PAI!!
MU-TSU-MI-SEN-PAIII !!

GASP
はっ
SENPAAAAAIIIII!!

ERM.
UHH ...
GLANCE GLANCE
THE BRIDGE!
!

S... SERI-NUMA-SAN?!
HOW ...?!
JOLT

SEN-PAI!!
VROOM
I'M SORRY THAT I TOOK SO LONG!!
I...
DASH
BUT I FINALLY FIGURED IT OUT!
I FINALLY FIGURED OUT MY FEELINGS!!

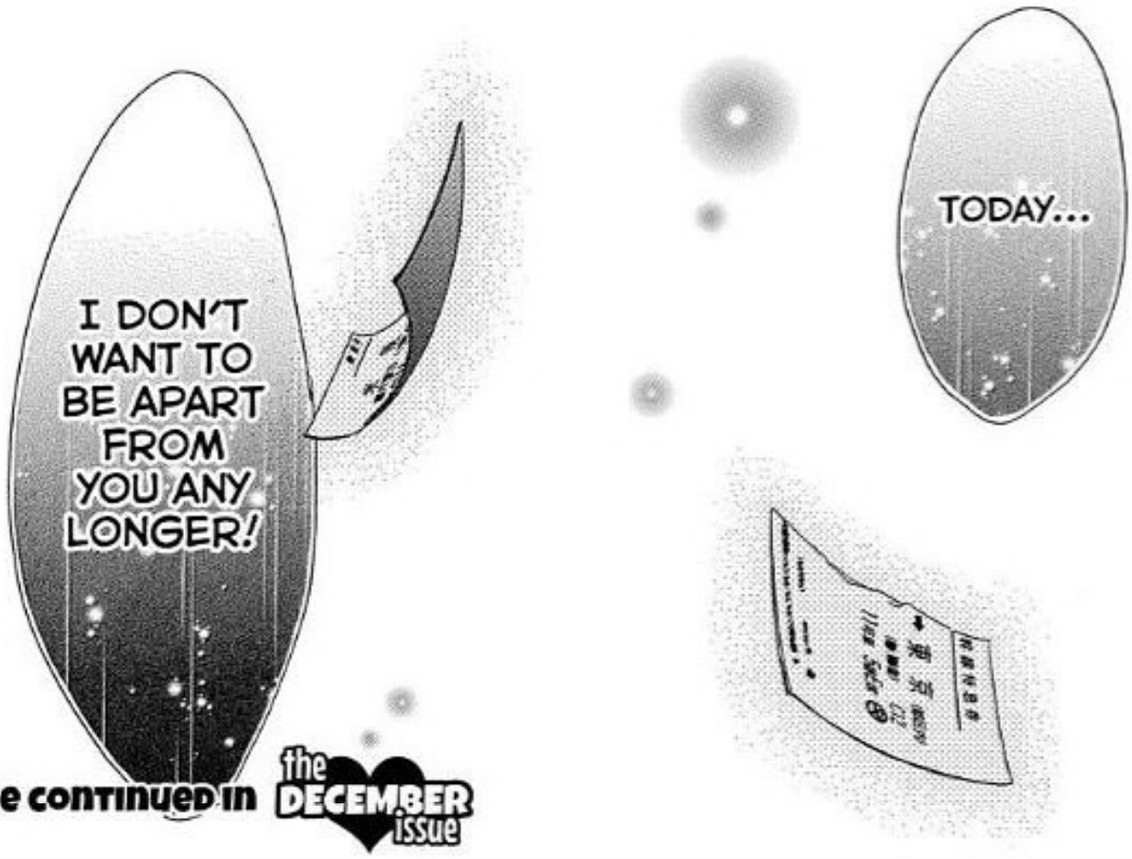
STAND
HUH?
I...
I CARE ABOUT YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, SENPAI!!

I LOVE YOU!!
SO I WANT TO BE WITH YOU!!
DASH
RUSTLE
I...
I'M GONNA BE HONEST ABOUT HOW I FEEL, TOO...
EVEN IF YOU LIKE SHION ...
I WON'T BE HAPPY UNLESS I'M NUMBER ONE IN YOUR HEART!!
CHATTER CHATTER
Are they shooting a movie?!
What's going on?

EVEN IF I HAVE TO STEAL YOU!!
I WANT TO MAKE YOU MINE!!
...!!
CLENCH
NO, I REALIZE NOW!
SHION BE-LONGS TO TERRA !!
AND SHION ONLY WANTS TO BE IN TERRA'S ARMS!
?!
JOLT
Wha...?!

AND THE ONLY ARMS I WANT TO BE IN...
...ARE YOURS, SENPAI !!

CLENCH
ぎゅっ…
I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD, MUTSUMI-SENPAI...!
ME, TOO.
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU, ALWAYS...!
I LOVE YOU, SERI-NUMA-SAN!
I LOVE YOU, TOO.



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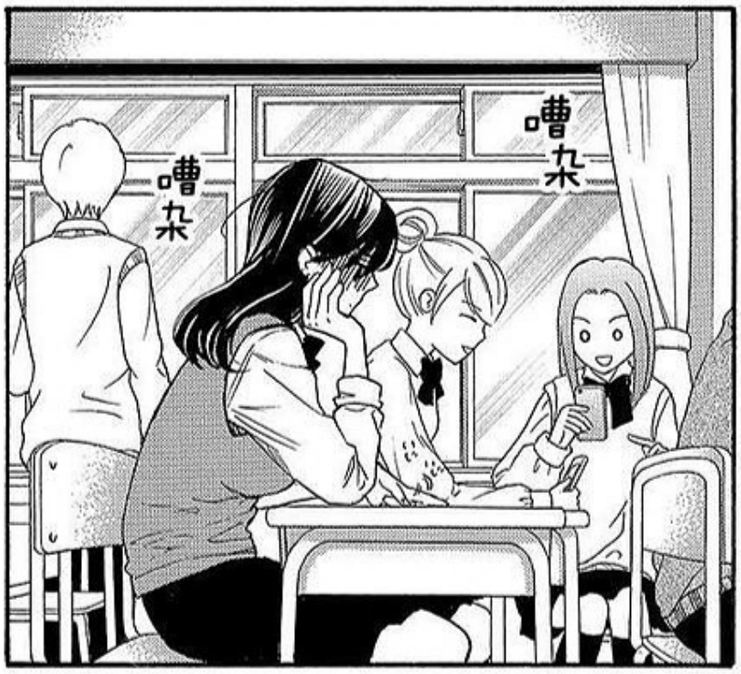

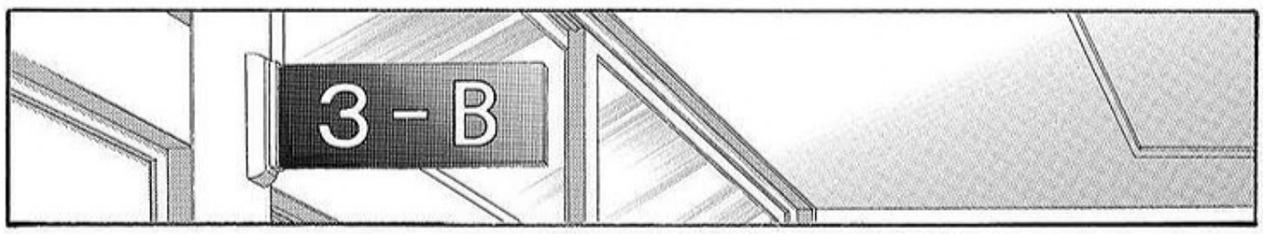

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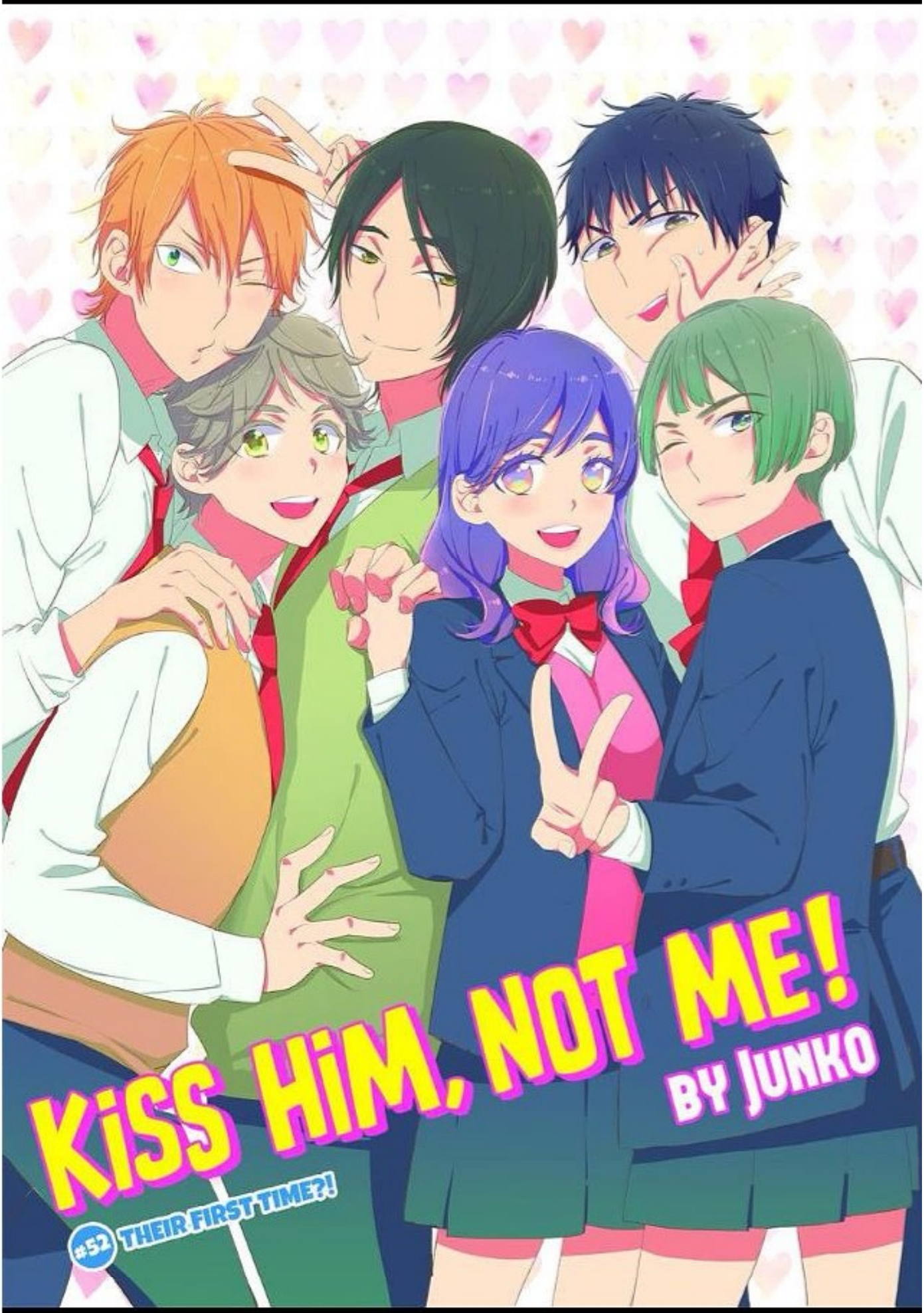
KiSS HiM, NOT ME!
BY JUNKO
#52 THEIR FIRST TIME?!

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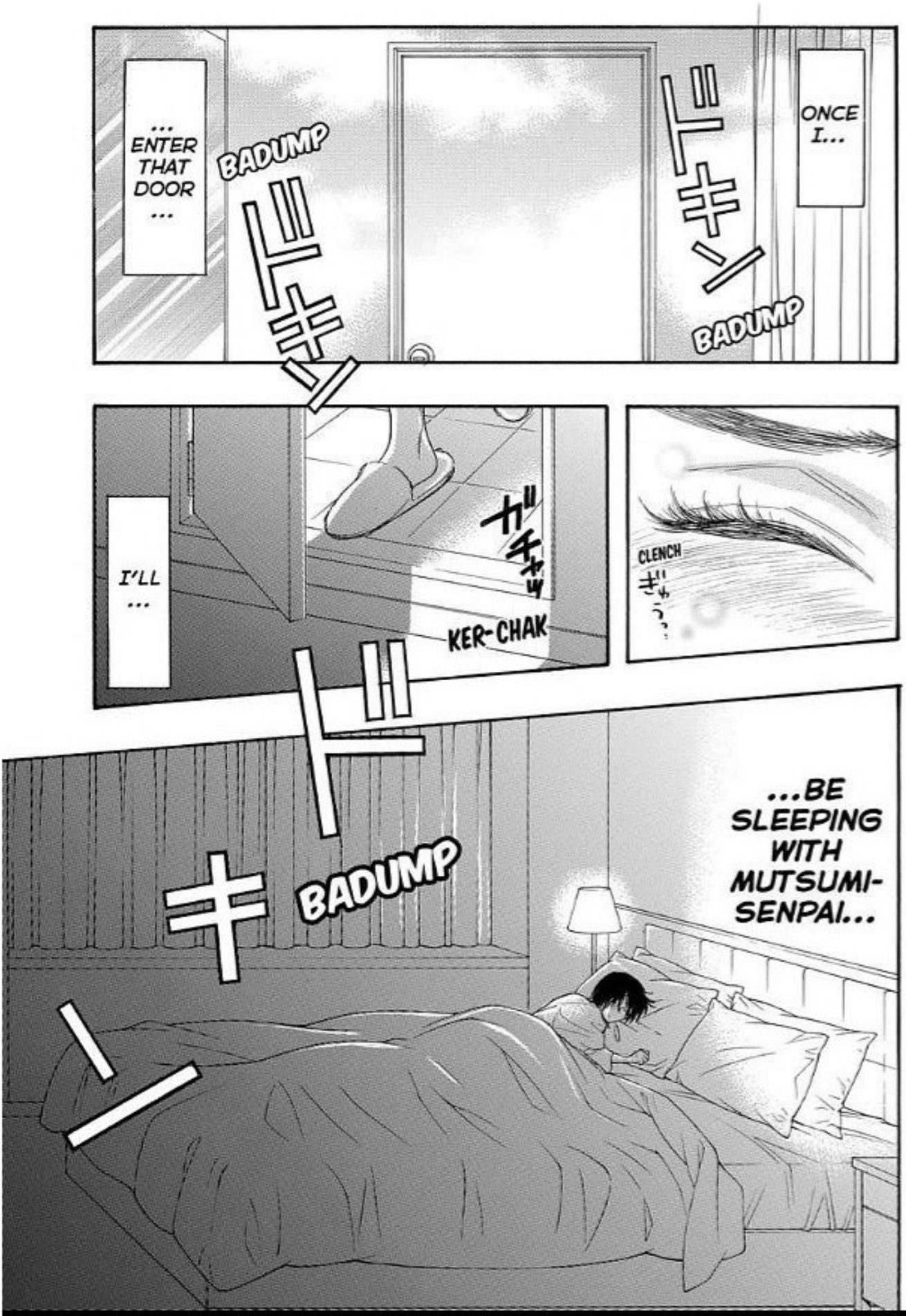
FSSSHHH
HOTEL
レートイン
Rate Inn
FSSSHHH
I...

HOLD ON A SEC!!
I GOT THIS FAR PURELY ON MO-MENTUM, AND...
FSSSHHH
... N-NOW I'M HERE ...

...ARE YOURS, SENPAI!!
AND THE ONLY ARMS I WANT TO BE IN...

... SOME-THING CRAZY ?!
DID I BLURT OUT...
HEEEEKKK!!

I WONDER IF IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO WEAR THIS ROBE.
LET'S SEE...
Gotta dry off quick...
C...COME TO THINK OF IT, I WASHED MY HAIR.
STEP
SPLISH
SPLISH
Eehehe
BADUMP
BADUMP
VWOOSH
BADUMP
BA-
DUMP


ONCE I...
ドキン
BADUMP
...ENTER THAT DOOR...
BADUMP
ドキン
I'LL...
カチャッ
KER-CHAK
CLENCH
ぎゅっ
ドキン
BADUMP
...BE SLEEPING WITH MUTSUMI-SENPAI...

Y... YOU'RE SLEEPING ...?
CREAK...
ギィ...
S... SEN-PAI?

HUH ...?
きょとん
FREEZE

TOUCH
ス

I'M AWAKE.

FWUMP
UH...
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
BA
DUMP
...IN A REALLY LONG TIME, SERINUMA-SAN...
I HAVEN'T BEEN THIS CLOSE TO YOU...

FOR COMING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO SEE ME.
THANKS.
A... ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT ...
...WAS HOW MUCH I MISSED YOU, SENPAI...
... ABOUT HOW I HAD TO SEE YOU...
I MISSED YOU, TOO...
ギシ…ミシ
CREAK
...!
JOLT

HM?
GOOD NIGHT.
LET'S TALK AGAIN TOMOR-ROW, OKAY?
YOU MUST BE TIRED.
RUSTLE
FWIP
OHH... THIS IS FINALLY HAP-PENING ...
S... SENPAI ...! I LEAVE IT TO YOU!
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
BA...
FWUMP
HMMM?!

HUH?

HUHHHHHH?!
HUH ...?
HOTEL レートイン
Rate Inn

Tuesday comes around.

KAE-CHAAAN!! MOOOR-NING!!
YOU DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL YESTER-DAY! SO HOW DID SUNDAY GO?
YOU WENT TO SHIGA, RIGHT? DID YOU TWO MAKE UP?!
OHH! OF COURSE YOU DID! THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL YESTER-DAY! HOW SILLY OF ME!! HA HA HA HA HA!
YAK YAK YAK YAK YAK YAK YA

OH.

YEAH, WE MADE UP. ☆
OH.
GLOOOM
AH-CHAN! C'MON, LET'S GO!!
HUH ?
HEY! KAE-CHAN ?!
DASH
YOU SURE DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU DID...
DEPRESSED
REEL
HUH ...?
...
N... NOTHING HAP-PENED...
HUH ?
PANT PANT
WH... WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S THE MATTER ?!
DID SOME-THING HAP-PEN?

HIGYAHHHH
AND THEN NOTHING!! NO-THING HAP-PENED !!!
I WENT TO SHIGA, AND THEN WE POURED OUR HEARTS OUT TO EACH OTHER AND THAT WAS A HUGE RUSH, AND THEN WE GOT A HOTEL ROOM, I TOOK A SHOWER, WE GOT INTO BED, AND HE WHISPERED SWEET NOTHINGS TO ME!!

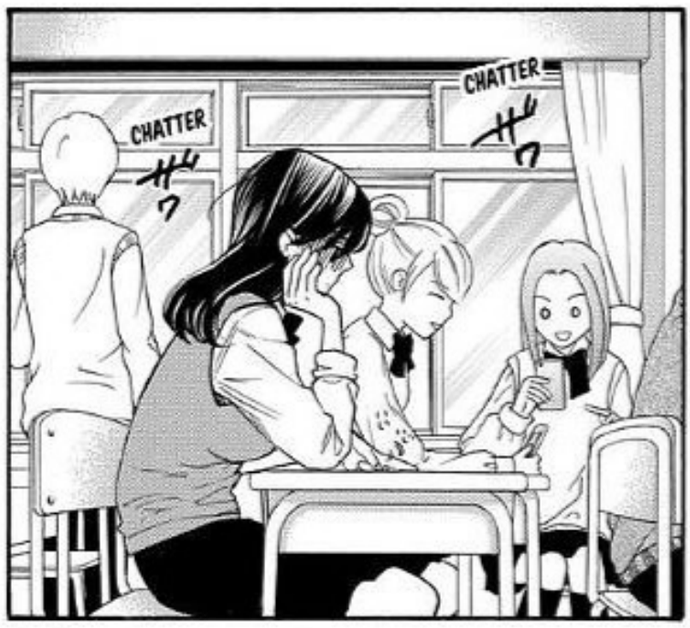
TEAR
TEAR
...AND HAVE NOTH-ING HAP-PEN?
IS... IS IT NORMAL FOR TWO PEOPLE WHO HAVE FEELINGS FOR EACH OTHER TO SHARE A HOTEL ROOM TOGETH-ER...
AH-CHAN... IS...IS THIS.. NOR-MAL?

HUHHH ...?!
CHEEP CHEEP
WHAAA ...?
WE JUST SLEPT NEXT TO EACH OTHER UNTIL MORNING !!

ACK
RIGHT ?!
YEAH, IT MIGHT NOT BE NORMAL ...
WELL... EVERYONE'S DIFFERENT, SO I CAN'T REALLY MAKE GENERALI-ZATIONS, BUT...

WAHHH!
HEY, DON'T THINK ABOUT BL MANGA... I MEAN... WELL... UH...
I'm not gonna let you sleep tonight...
WHY DIDN'T IT HAPPEN FOR US?! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
IF THIS WERE A BL MANGA, THEY WOULD ABSOLUTELY HAVE DONE IT, RIGHT ?!
WAS I... NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM?
WAS I... NOT ABLE TO GET HIM IN THE MOOD?
WHY ...?
MY HEART WAS RACING... AND I WAS SO READY WHEN I FOLLOWED HIM...
DID SENPAI NOT FEEL THE SAME WAY...?
KAE-CHAN ...
DING DONG DANG DONG
A...AM I NOT... ATTRACTIVE?
DRIP
DRIP

...?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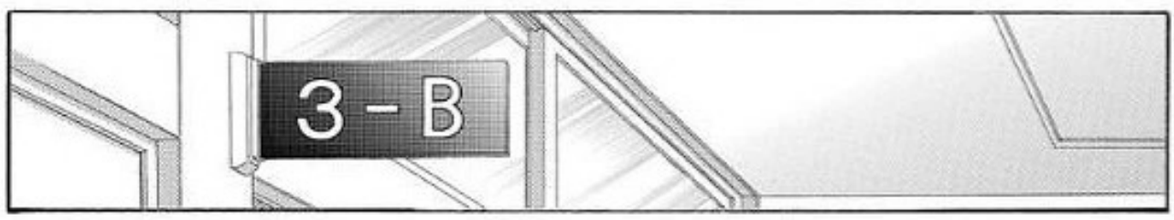
CHATTER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HMM ...
Yusuke Igarashi
ちょっとそうだん
I need to talk to you...
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SMILE
DID YOU MAKE UP WITH KAE SERINUMA ?

HUH?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, MU-TSUMI ?

HM. I SEE.
Good to hear.
MUTSUMI-SAAAN.
UH, YEAH...
WE MADE UP.

CLATTER
IGA-RASHI-KUN!!

DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE ...?

HUH?
HEY, UH, MUTSUMI-SAN?!
?
DASH!
C'MON!!
I HAVE SOME-THING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT...
YOU CAME AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME!
HUH?
WHA?
UH... NOTHING HAP-PENED... ER... WHICH I GUESS IS KINDA THE PROBLEM...
HUH?
UH...
I MEAN, SERI-NUMA-SAN SEEMS PRETTY DOWN ...
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN? IS THAT WHAT YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT?
YOU GUYS AREN'T STILL ON BAD TERMS AFTER ALL THAT, ARE YOU?!
SERI-NUMA-SAN FOLLOWED YOU ALL THE WAY TO SHIGA, RIGHT?

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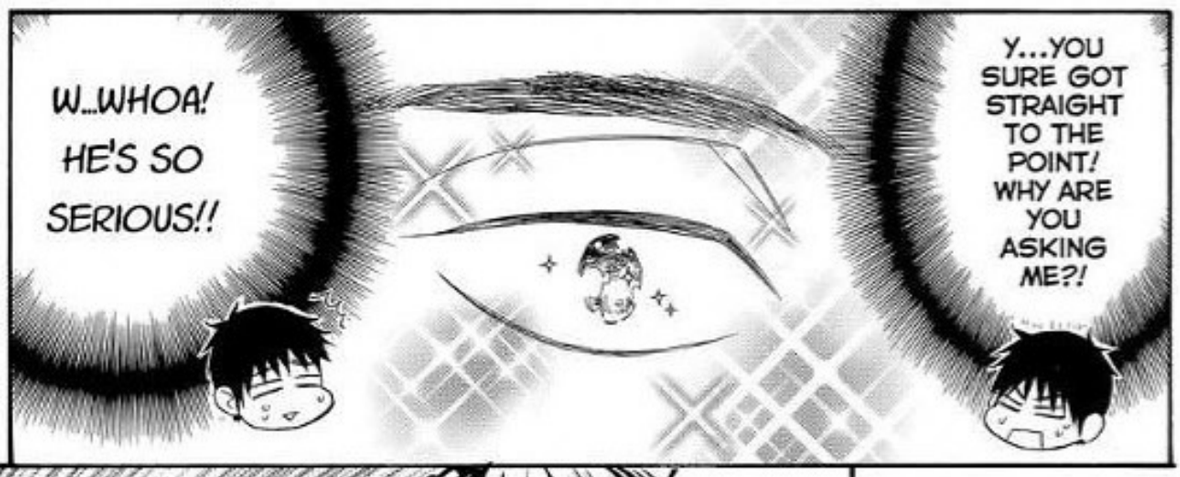
BOOM
?!
PTOO!
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY ABOUT A GUY WHO GETS A HOTEL ROOM WITH A GIRL AND DOESN'T DO ANYTHING ?!


W...WHOA! HE'S SO SERIOUS!!
Y...YOU SURE GOT STRAIGHT TO THE POINT! WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME?!

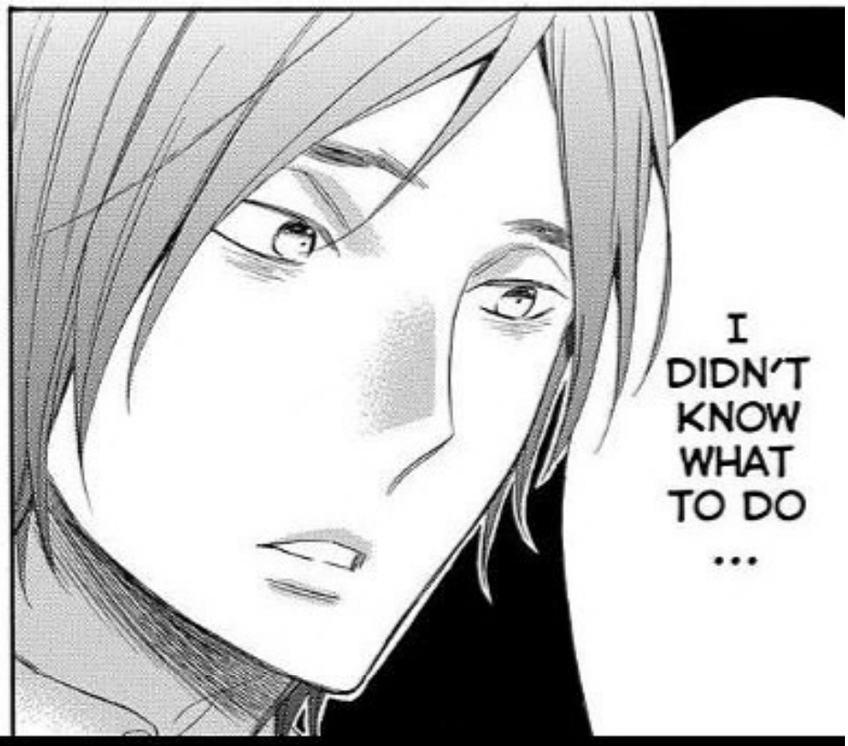
NGH ...!
ON THE MARK
Coward
STAB
I'D SAY HE'S A COW-ARD !!
UH... WELL... I MEAN... LET'S SEE...
BE HON-EST!!
MUMBLE MUMBLE

BEND
BEND
I MEAN... THINGS STARTED OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT...
AND WE GOT INTO BED TOGETHER, BUT...
THEN I SAID, "YOU MUST BE TIRED. GOOD NIGHT."
AND ENDED UP GOING TO SLEEP ...

YEAH...
YEAH ...
FIDGET
FIDGET

WELL, WHY DON'T YOU APOLO-GIZE?
Be honest with her.
W-WELL, YEAH, BUT...
HUH? WHAT NOW?
WELL... TO BE PER-FECTLY HONEST ...

WHAT THE HECK? THAT'S THE WORST !!
You totally backed out, huh?
I KNOW.


I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ...

IGA-RASHI-KUN!!
GRAB
NOD
UH, SO YOU MEAN ...
YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW?
I SEE...
LIKE, HOW TO DO IT?
PLEASE TEACH ME, IGA-RASHI-KUN!!
YOU SEEM TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT THIS STUFF...
THERE. I SENT IT..
Asuma Mutsumi
I have stuff to do today, so I'm gonna head home first.
ごめんなさい!
SORRY!
DING
DONG
DANG
DONG
Tell me you're joking!
WHAAAA ?!!

PING
Asuma Mutsumi
See you tomorrow.
LOVE
I LOVE YOU

PING
Asuma Mutsumi
I see. I also have stuff to do. Sorry. See you tomorrow.

SEE THAT? EVERY-THING'S FINE!
Let's drop by there!
Wow!
HE SAID HE LOVES YOU!
See ya later!

THIS WOULD NEVER HAPPEN IN A BL MANGA ...
MUTTER...
BUT...
THAT'S ...
... WHAT SEN-PAI SAYS ...
I LOVE

THIS IS YOU AND SENPAI WE'RE TALKING ABOUT !!
WHY IS BL THE STANDARD YOU COMPARE EVERYTHING TO?!

FOR GOD'S SAKE!!
BAM

OTHER THINGS ?
I MEAN, THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER THINGS BESIDES BL TO COMPARE THIS TO, Y'KNOW!
Even in fiction!
A...AH-CHAN...

TH... THAT'S RIGHT !!
HUH ?
UH, WHA?!
CLATTER

MU-TSUMI SEN-PAI... AND ME...
GASP

WE'RE A STRAIGHT COUPLE, SO IF I'M TO COMPARE US WITH ANYTHING, IT SHOULD BE A LOVEY-DOVEY SHOJO MANGA!!
HUH ...? WHAT ?!

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DASH
HEY, HOLD ON!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?!
I'M GONNA CHECK 'EM OUT!!

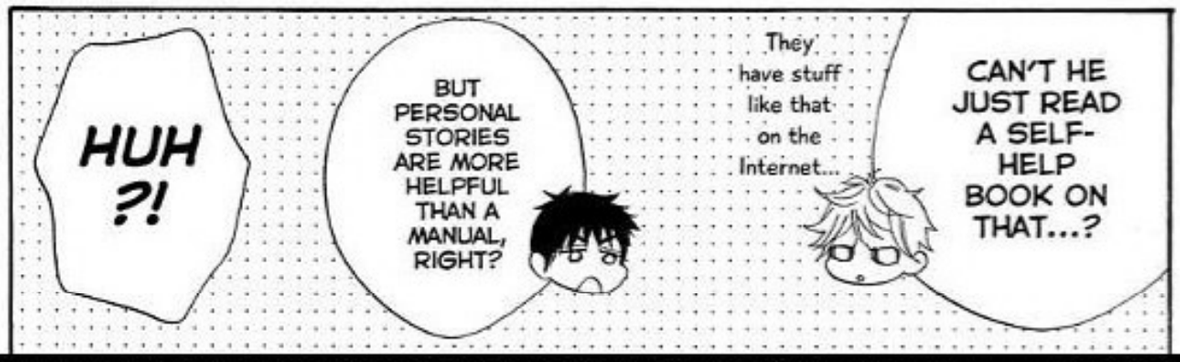
Meanwhile...
AND SO...
THAT'S WHY I'VE BROUGHT YOU ALL HERE!!

SHUT UP! YOU GUYS ARE IN THIS WITH ME!!
WHY DO WE OF ALL PEOPLE ...?
BESIDES, I DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR THAT STUFF...
YOU'RE AWFUL!

I STILL DON'T GET WHY YOU GATHERED US HERE!!
BOOM

THE "HOW-TO" OF SEX!!
BOOM!
NAMELY...
ON THE WAYS OF GETTING FRISKY!!

ANYWAY, I WANT US TO GIVE MUTSUMI-SAN SOME ADVICE!


HUH ?!
BUT PERSONAL STORIES ARE MORE HELPFUL THAN A MANUAL, RIGHT?
They have stuff like that on the Internet...
CAN'T HE JUST READ A SELF-HELP BOOK ON THAT...?

ARGH
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME? I HAVEN'T EVEN HAD MY FIRST KISS YET !!
YOU HAVE NO TACT, IGA-RASHI-SEN-PAI!!
SORRY, SHINO. I'M AWARE. IT'S JUST THAT NO ONE'S AT YOUR HOUSE, SO IT WAS CONVENIENT TO HOLD THE MEETING HERE.
YOU'RE TER-RIBLE !!
SOB
Now look what you did! You made him cry!
YOU MON-STER !!
C'MON, WHY DO I HAVE TO TALK ABOUT THAT STUFF?
HUH ?
NANA, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE?
AND I GUESS YOU CAN SAY YOUR INSTINCTS TAKE CARE OF THE REST...
I MEAN, STUFF LIKE THAT DEPENDS ON THE MOOD OF THE SITUATION ...
CREAK
STARE...
URK!
Help me...
Help me...

KATHUD
I HAD A FEELING_
Shenpai!
AHHHH!!
KILL ME! JUST KILL ME ALREADY!!
IDIOTS!! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO TEACH SOMETHING I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT?!
THUD
A man of many missed opportunities.

じー
STARE
WHA?
GASP
UH...

WOOO
WOOO
MASTER !!
OKAY, GATHER ROUND, YOU VIRGINS !!
I GUESS IT COMES DOWN TO ME!!

AW, MAN_ I HAD A FEELING THIS WAS GONNA HAPPEN_
SHAKE
SHAKE
Plan back-fired.
TEACH US, MASTER IGA-RASHI!!

STARE
I see...
I see...
Er...
WE DON'T UNDERSTAND! SHOW US WHAT YOU MEAN, MASTER!!
THAT STUFF DEPENDS ON THE MOOD OF THE SITUATION, AND HOW SHE RESPONDS.
RAWR
OH! OH! IS IT A TURN OFF TO KISS WITH TONGUE AT THE START?!
OH! OH! WHEN DO THE CLOTHES COME OFF?!
SHADDUP!
And so, the boys...
...pay unusually close attention to the crash course!!

Meanwhile, Kae...
BOOM
EUREKA!

HUH? UNDER-STAND WHAT?
OH!! AH-CHAN?! I'VE FIGURED IT OUT! I UNDER-STAND NOW!!
TWIRL
TWIRL
MY EYES HAVE BEEN OPENED _!!

UH... UH-HUH.
SIIIGH
はあぁん♡
AND Y'KNOW WHAT?
AND MOMENTS SO CUTE THAT I COULD DIE. IT WAS SO NEW!
THERE WERE MOMENTS WHERE I BAWLED MY EYES OUT...
SOB
SOB
WHIMPER
MY HEART WAS POUND-ING!!
IT WAS SO MUCH FUN!!
EXCITED
EXCITED
I READ A LOT OF ROMANTIC SHOJO MANGA!

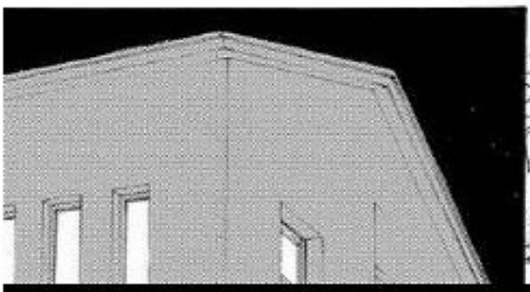
OH, BUT STUFF HAPPENED PRETTY QUICKLY FOR THE MORE EXTREME ONES...
AND OTHERS TOOK ABOUT TEN VOLUMES... AND SOME WENT A YEAR WHERE NOTHING HAPPENS!!
EEEK!
SIGH ...
SO... WHAT'S YOUR POINT?
BOOM
ONE MANGA TOOK TWENTY VOLUMES FOR THE COUPLE TO KISS!!
HUH ?

I GET IT NOW.
GUYS ARE NO DIF-FERENT ...
SO WE JUST HAVE TO GO AT OUR OWN PACE, TOO!
OH.
UH, YEAH.
AND Y'KNOW WHAT ELSE?
HM?
JUST LIKE HOW NER-VOUS I WAS ...
...AND HOW MY HEART WAS RACING SO MUCH I COULDN'T THINK STRAIGHT...
IT'S NO DIFFERENT FOR GUYS!
IT'S NORMAL FOR THINGS TO NOT GO SMOOTHLY.
TOTALLY NORMAL!
KAE-CHAN ...!

HE'S A GOOD GUY!
ANY-WAY...
MUTSUMI-SENPAI TOLD YOU THAT HE LOVES YOU, SO TRUST IN HIM!

AH_YEAH? UH-HUH?
I'VE ONLY SEEN REALLY AG-GRES-SIVE MALE LEADS, SO I HAD NO IDEA!!
I said, pet me!

YEAH!!



THAT'S KAE-CHAN FOR YA...
WHEW, HONESTLY.
HER LOGIC IS ALL OVER THE PLACE, BUT SHE CAME TO THE RIGHT CONCLU-SION...

THAT'S EVERY-THING!
OKAY ?!
OH, MU-TSUMI-SEN-PAI,
ONE LAST THING.
YOU ARE TRULY THE MASTER !!
THAT WAS VERY EDUCA-TIONAL, MASTER!!
THANK YOO, MASTER!!
YES SIR!!
WOOHOO!!
HON-ESTLY, CUT IT OUT!
FWIP
SHE MIGHT FEEL LIKE SHE WAS THE REASON.
YEAH.
YOU SHOULD APOLO-GIZE FOR FALLING ASLEEP !!
JUST REMEMBER TO AVOID ANYTHING SHE DOESN'T WANT TO DO, AND
I THINK.
ALSO!

SLAM
WHAT AM I DOING...?
はぁ SIGH
THANKS!
I'LL MAKE SURE TO DO THAT!
SHUT UP!
Yeah.
I'm gonna make dinner. You wanna eat, too?
IT TURNS OUT YOU'RE ACTUALLY QUITE THE BUSY-BODY.
YEAH.
YOU HAD NO OTHER CHOICE. IT IS MUTSUMI-SENPAI, AFTER ALL...
YEAH...
IT'S GONNA BE OKAY...
FIRST, I'M GONNA TELL HER...

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
...HOW I FEEL.
MU-TSUMI-SEN-PAI!!
SERI-NUMA-SAN!!

I'M SORRY THAT I FELL ASLEEP THAT DAY.

I REALLY REGRET IT. I DON'T KNOW I WAS DOING...

I KNOW IT'S PATHETIC, BUT I GOT SCARED.

BUT ...

I REALLY DID WANT TO BE WITH YOU. THAT'S THE TRUTH.

I... I...

I WAS JUST HAPPY THAT WE COULD BE TOGETHER!

AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER, WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE!
LET'S TAKE OUR TIME WITH THIS RELATIONSHIP.
WE DON'T HAVE TO RUSH.
BLUSH
UH!
ER!
I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT, UH...
I MEAN, CHANCE, AS IN, LIKE, FOR ME...
UHH, NEVER MIND... I, UH... I'M BEING WEIRD, AREN'T I...?!
BLUSH
GASP
ANOTHER CHANCE...
Library
図書室
RATTLE
HUH?
AH!
?!
YANK

BADUMP
I LOVE YOU, TOO...!
TOUCH
BADUMP
BADUMP
SERI-NUMA-SAN,
I LOVE YOU.
BADUMP

YEAH.
THERE'S NO NEED TO RUSH.
BE-CAUSE...
WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER, NOW AND FOREVER...
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